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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
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To: Nursing Facility Administrators

From: Jamie Smith, Acting Director *Jamie Smith*
Office of Long Term Services and Supports

Subject: Nursing Facility Staff Flu Vaccination Reporting for Pay-for-Performance

Note: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.

Beginning with the 2022-2023 flu season, nursing facilities were required to report staff flu vaccination data previously provided to the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC), to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)¹. Effective immediately, this NHSN report will be the sole source of staff flu vaccination data used in the Maryland Department of Health's (Department) Pay-for-Performance (P4P) program calculations.

In order to maintain the Department's current P4P data collection and review timeline, the NHSN report will be retrieved and analyzed by the MHCC on May 15th of the reporting year. Although data can be entered into NHSN for the staff flu measure at any time during the flu season, the most recent submission will receive a new date/time stamp, replacing the previous submission. Updated flu season data should be reentered between April 1st and May 15th to account for the full flu season. Any changes submitted to NHSN after **May 15th** will not be included in the P4P calculation. Nursing facilities are required to ensure the staff flu vaccination data being reported to NHSN is accurate and timely. A nursing facility's failure to report will result in zero points toward their P4P staff flu vaccination score, which may impact P4P and Pay for Improvement awards.

For additional information on the current requirements for the P4P Program, please refer to [PT 15-21](#) (Nursing Home Transmittal No.276).

Questions regarding this transmittal may be directed to Jarrod C. Terry, Administrator, at jarrod.terry@maryland.gov.

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/faqs/vaccination/faq-influenza-vaccination-summary-reporting.html>