

## ***Tennessee Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Reporting Requirements for Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)***

Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) infections have been increasing in the community and healthcare facilities. MRSA infections can be severe and life threatening and are expensive. Beginning July 1, 2010, certain hospitals were asked to report MRSA-positive blood cultures for inpatients facility-wide and for emergency departments. As of July 2012, all hospitals (with the exception of critical access hospitals), regardless of average daily census (ADC), were asked to report these events. Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities have been required to report since January 2015. Monthly reporting of numerator and denominator data is ongoing in each location type unless otherwise specified. For details on reporting requirements, please see the information provided below.

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### **Who needs to report?** *Beginning July 1, 2012:*

- All hospitals, regardless of average daily census (*excludes critical access hospitals*)
- Long-term acute care hospitals (LTACs) (*have been reporting since July 1, 2010*)

### *Beginning January 1, 2015:*

- All inpatient rehabilitation facilities

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### **What is reported?**

#### *Numerator Data*

All non-duplicate MRSA-positive blood cultures (Laboratory-identified (LabID) events) as defined in CDC/NHSN Multidrug-Resistant Organism (MDRO) protocol. Non-duplicate is defined as no previous positive within the last 14 days in the same physical location within the reporting facility.

#### *Denominator Data*

- Patient days (inpatient locations)
- Number of admissions (inpatient locations)
- Number of encounters (Emergency departments and observation locations)

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**Which units are included?***Acute Care Hospitals:*

- Facility-wide, all inpatient locations
- Emergency Department
- 24-hour Observation locations

*Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities and LTACs:*

- Facility-wide, all inpatient locations

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**How is it reported?**Using the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) web application

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**For more information:**

Contact the Tennessee Department of Health, Communicable and Environmental Diseases and Emergency Preparedness, Healthcare-Associated Infections program at [HAi.health@tn.gov](mailto:HAi.health@tn.gov) or (615) 741-7247.

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