

NHSN AU OPTION 2023 SAAR REBASELINE: INFORMATION FOR CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS



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Virtual Webinar

Register: <https://telligen.zoom.us/meeting/register/PJT1gHRAQQOFALV8muwuFA>

The National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Antimicrobial Use (AU) Option has released updates to its risk-adjustment methodology with the 2023 SAAR (Standardized Antimicrobial Administration Ratio) rebaseline. A major development is the introduction of mixed acuity unit with SAAR values, which will enable more critical access hospitals (CAHs) to receive SAAR calculations. This represents a substantial change from previous reporting periods when many CAHs were unable to generate SAARs due to not having SAAR-eligible units within NHSN. This webinar is specifically designed for CAHs and will provide a comprehensive overview of these important updates. This 60-minute virtual session will provide technical updates for CAHs on the following:

- Outlining required data elements and how data are submitted to NHSN
- Navigating NHSN location/unit mapping
- Understanding what the 2023 SAAR rebaseline means for your facility
- Interpreting your facility's SAAR values
- Leveraging SAAR data for your antimicrobial stewardship program

Speakers:

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Who Should Attend:

- Antimicrobial stewardship program leaders
- Infection preventionists at CAHs
- Quality improvement staff
- Laboratory and pharmacy personnel involved in antibiotic stewardship
- CAH administrators and providers

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