

Requesting temporary extension for reporting data to the New York Sepsis Care Improvement Initiative:

With the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) transitioning data collection for the New York State Sepsis Care Improvement Initiative to an electronic abstraction process over the coming months, some hospitals have asked for a temporary extension to reporting deadlines in anticipation of migrating to a new EHR vendor. The temporary extension policy applies to hospitals transitioning to a new EHR and going live within twelve months (anticipated).

To request an extension, the hospital must:

- a. Provide evidence of a signed contract with the new vendor, or a written, signed attestation by an individual authorized to bind the organization to demonstrate the commitment to transition to a new EHR;
- b. Provide a timeline showing month(s) where no reporting from the hospital will occur and a projected go live date on the new EHR;
- c. Agree to submit deferred reports to the NYSDOH when the transition to the new EHR is complete. The hospital must provide a plan to the NYSDOH with a timeline for submitting back-data. The timeline should include a summary which identifies any potential limitations in the ability to submit back-data.

Hospitals should be aware that they will not receive quarterly reports for the quarters in which they do not submit data and they may not be included in the Sepsis Care Improvement Initiative Public Report for the year in which they have been given an extension.

To request an extension, hospitals should submit a letter to the NYSDOH on letterhead detailing requirements listed above. The letter must be signed by an individual able to bind the organization (i.e. CEO, CMO). All correspondence related to this request for extension should be sent to Sepsis.Clinical.Data@health.ny.gov.