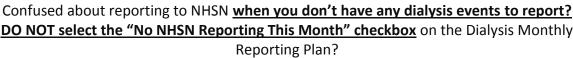
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What to Do When You Have No Events to Report During the Month

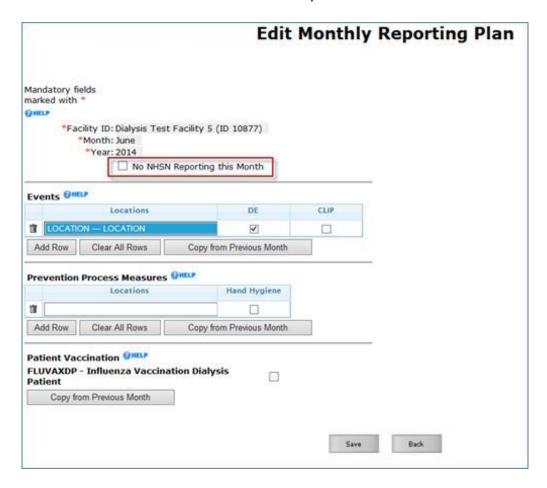




Outpatient dialysis users often email us wondering why they don't meet QIP criteria during months when they have no events to report. So, we are here to provide some clarification!



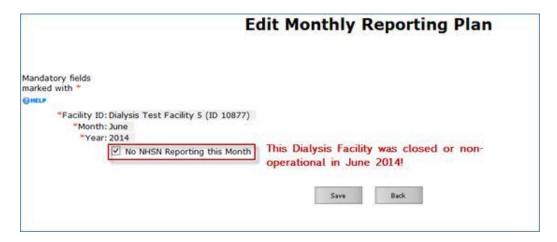
By selecting the "No NHSN Reporting This Month" checkbox on the Monthly Reporting Plan (shown below), you are saying that your facility is <u>not conducting dialysis event surveillance</u> for that month. As a result, your ESRD QIP Line Listing Report will indicate that your facility does not meet QIP criteria for that month and your QIP score will reflect this!



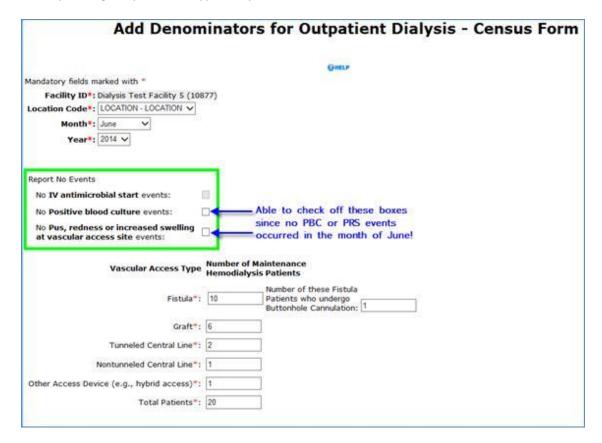
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What to Do When You Have No Events to Report During the Month A facility should only check this box in a few, rare instances:

- 1. when the facility is closed or non-operational for a given month (see example below);
- 2. when the individual in charge of dialysis event surveillance is out of the office for a given month and no surveillance can be conducted; or
- 3. when the facility will not be adhering to the Dialysis Event Protocol for a given month.



Rather than selecting the "No NHSN Reporting this Month" checkbox on the monthly reporting plan when no antimicrobial starts, positive blood cultures, or pus, redness, or increased swelling events occurred during the month, you should select the appropriate "Report No Events" checkbox for each corresponding dialysis event type. Easy!



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Have more questions? Contact us at nhsn@cdc.gov with "Dialysis" in the subject line and we will respond to your inquiry within 5 business days.



Thank you for your continued support of NHSN Dialysis!