



## Memorandum

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To Christopher R. Braden, MD  
Acting Director of the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Disease

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Subject **Authorization for 308(d) Amendment and Extension of Assurance of Confidentiality Protection for the “National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)”**

This memo is to provide formal approval of the 308(d) Assurance of Confidentiality protection for the “National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN).”

The Assurance of Confidentiality (AoC) has been amended to include required testing involving CMS-certified nursing homes’ residents and staff for COVID-19 and reporting of test results. The laboratory testing and data reporting requirements apply to point-of-care (POC) antigen test data being rolled out to nursing homes, as well as other on-site testing. The project is being extended because it is ongoing.

For ongoing projects, CDC practice is that every five years, the program must apply for a formal extension of the 308(d) authority. Please apply for an extension at least six months prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

Please use 42 USC 242(k), and 42 USC 242(m) as the legal references for information collection and protection.

If you have any questions, please contact Joseph Rush MA, Confidentiality Administrator, at (404) 639-4772.

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