FY 2026 inpatient prospective payment system proposed rule: Summary of Updates on HAC Reduction Program PRA Package forms

Form	Notes on Updates
IPPS Measure Exception Form	 Added the CAUTI and CLABSI measures, stratified for oncology locations (CAUTI-Onc and CLABSI-Onc) to the form.
	 Added references to the Hospital IQR Program and PCHQR Program.
	 Added language clarifying that any data reported from required units in NHSN will be submitted to CMS and used in the applicable programs.
	 Added language clarifying that any reported colon and abdominal hysterectomy surgical procedures data will be submitted to CMS and used in the applicable programs.
	 Made minor grammatical and annual updates as needed (e.g., the publishing date of the form, contract name updates).
Validation Reconsideration Request Form	Made minor annual updates as needed (e.g., the publishing date of the form, adding page numbers).
Validation Templates	Made annual updates only, such as dates.