

# ENDSEPSIS

It stops with us.

## Commonly Asked Questions

### Hospitals are already following CMS sepsis guidelines (SEP-1); why do we need more regulations?

First, only 50% of hospitals comply with CMS sepsis guidelines. In addition, the CMS guidelines differ from Rory's Regulations in a number of critical ways. This table breaks down some of the key differences:

| Rory's Regulations   | CMS Guidelines  |
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| Rory Regulations cover pediatric patients  | CMS guidelines do not   |
| Rory's Regulations require that all relevant hospital staff be trained in sepsis diagnosis and treatment   | CMS guidelines do not   |
| Rory's Regulations require that each hospital develop a set of written protocols, overseen by the Chief Medical Officer                                  | CMS guidelines do not   |
| Rory's Regulations include every sepsis case in the data submitted to the state Department of Health for measurement and review                          | CMS guidelines only require a sample of sepsis cases to be submitted to CMS for review  |
| Rory's Regulations require that every patient suspected of having sepsis is treated using the hospital's sepsis protocols                                | CMS guidelines exclude many groups of patients, including patients that have been transferred from other facilities, from being subject to the guidelines |
| Rory's Regulations require data to be collection on sepsis patient outcomes and mortality rates  | CMS guidelines gather data on whether the SEP-1 process is being implemented—not on whether patients live or die  |
| Rory's Regulations require that ALL hospitals in the state adopt evidence-based protocols and submit data for patients to the state Department of Health | A 2018 study showed that only 50% of hospitals currently follow CMS guidelines  |