In response to user feedback, some of the newly required fields from the January 2017 NHSN release have been made optional rather than required. The questions are listed below.

1. **The Medical History**: All questions are now optional.

2. **Transfusion History**: Required to enter whether or not the patient received a previous transfusion (or Unknown). All additional questions are now optional.
3. Patient Treatment: Required to enter whether a patient received treatment for their transfusion reaction. All additional questions are now optional.

4. Component Details: All new questions, including transfusion start date/time, name of blood collector, amount transfused, and unit number (for reactions that are not TRALI or infection) are now optional. All previously required questions, including unit number for TRALI and infection, are still required.
5. Outcome: If “Death” is selected as the outcome, the new questions on cause of death and whether an autopsy was performed are now optional. All previously required questions, including unit number for TRALI and infection, are still required.