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TO: Hospital CEOs

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SUBJECT: Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Public Reporting – 2010 Requirements

Regulations at N.J.A.C. 8:56 state that hospitals are required to use the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) to report CDC HAI data that the Commissioner selects in consultation with the Quality Improvement Advisory Committee (QIAC). Also per regulations, the Department of Health and Senior Services (Department) shall provide hospitals with written notification by August 1st annually, stating the major site categories for which each health care facility is required to report CDC HAI data for the following calendar year.

Starting January 1, 2009, hospitals began using the CDC NHSN to report data for a "starter set" of three HAI measures: central line-associated bloodstream infections in all critical care units (adult, pediatric, and neonatal); surgical site infections following coronary artery bypass graft surgery; and surgical site infections following abdominal hysterectomy.

Based on the advice of the Quality Improvement Advisory Committee (QIAC), the Department is expanding the number of CDC HAI measures to be reported for 2010. Beginning January 1, 2010, hospitals will be required to report information on two additional measures: surgical site infections following knee arthroplasty and catheter-associated urinary tract infections in all adult critical care units. Hospitals will be required to continue reporting on the three "starter set" measures (central line-associated bloodstream infections in all critical care units, surgical site infections following coronary artery bypass graft surgery, and surgical site infections following abdominal hysterectomy).

Please inform your facility's infection prevention personnel of the requirements regarding HAI public reporting. If you or your staff have questions concerning these requirements, please contact Nancy Lin, ScD, Research Scientist, via email at nancy.lin@doh.state.nj.us or phone at [REDACTED] 609-984-7334.

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