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TO: Executive Board  
Indiana State Department of Health

FROM: Terry Whitson   
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RE: Preliminary Adoption of the Health Care Associated Infections Reporting Rule,  
410 IAC 15-4 (LSA Document #11-102)

The Health Care Quality and Regulatory Services Commission has been given a mandate from Governor Daniels to develop and implement a rule for the mandatory reporting of healthcare associated infections by the first of calendar year 2012. To accomplish this goal staff drafted a rule which was presented to the Hospital Council members at their March 2, 2011 meeting as a starting point for a more detailed rule. The Hospital Council voted to recommend the proposed rule for preliminary adoption by the Executive Board.

Two meetings were scheduled to discuss this rule further with several outside groups. The first meeting has held on Wednesday, March 16, 2011. The second meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 2 p.m. in the Robert O. Yoho Board Room of the Indiana State Department of Health. These meetings will likely not be the only meetings held to craft this rule.

This rule will require mandatory reporting of healthcare associated infections by hospitals. The final determination of which infections will be required to be reported will be determined through input from all interested parties. Reporting of these infections will be done through the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) which is operated through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The NHSN requires the adherence to CDC approved definitions and standards for identifying and reporting each healthcare associated infection. This provides a nationwide standard for reporting.

The Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule was posted on the Indiana Register website on March 9, 2011. This posting starts the one-year period in which to adopt this rule. The proposed rule is attached.

I respectfully request that you preliminarily adopt this proposed Health Care Associated Infections Reporting Rule (410 IAC 15-4).

Attachment: Proposed Rule