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TO: Executive Board
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RE: Amendments to the Reporting of Healthcare Associated Infections Rule
(410 IAC 15-4)

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) has requested an exception to the current rulemaking moratorium so that it may amend 410 IAC 15-4, the Reporting of Healthcare Associated Infections rule. The proposed changes to the rule will require health care facilities licensed by ISDH to report information data that is required to be reported to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) for various quality reporting programs. The reporting will be done through a web-based system created and managed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) known as the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). NHSN has become the national standard for infection reporting and the one used by hospitals that wish to receive higher reimbursement from CMS. Each health care facility will be required to enroll in the NHSN and confer rights to the ISDH for access to the non-identifying information that they enter on healthcare associated infections.