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STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

SB 739

This bill which would mandate public reporting of infection data currently sits in the suspension file. The CACC Public Policy Team will be working with Senator Speier's office and the California Hospital Association to rewrite the bill to include recommendations from the DHS HAI AWG paper.

SB 162

This bill which would create a separate Department of Public Health within California DHS has been referred to the Senate Committee on Health. CACC is supporting this piece of legislation.

SB 1780

Introduced by Senator Alarcon, this bill would mandate HAI reporting. There are only four parts to this short bill:

1. On January 1, 2008 each **health facility** (not defined) will notify OSHPD of **any occurrence** of nosocomial infection (again not defined).
2. By January 1, 2009 and annually, OSHPD will establish an **aggregate nosocomial infection rate** per facility and transmit to local health agencies.
3. No patient identifying information will be submitted with data.
4. No individual reporting data is liable for damages related to transmitting data.

To read the complete bills, log on to this site and follow the directions in the "Bill Search" section on the right side of the webpage. www.legislature.ca.gov

PANDEMIC INFLUENZA

PREPAREDNESS SUMMIT

An invitation from Glennah Trochet M.D.,
Sacramento County Public Health Officer

On Thursday, March 30 2006, Governor Schwarzenegger and Secretary of Health and Human Services Leavitt are hosting a Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Summit in Los Angeles. The event takes place from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services will be hosting a satellite downlink of the event in Meeting Room 1 of the DHHS Administrative Services Building located at 7001A East Parkway. You are cordially invited to attend or to send a representative. Please let us know if you are planning to attend, by calling 875-5881. Please forward this invitation to community leaders who may be interested in attending.

Below is a link to the web site and to the agenda of this summit:

<http://www.dhs.ca.gov/home/PanFluSummit/>



WHERE ARE WE WITH MANDATORY REPORTING?

States

- Currently, there are seven states with laws requiring reporting of HAI data: Nevada, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Florida, New York and Virginia.
- An interesting trend of states developing study bills for mandatory reporting has developed. These study bills require an assessment of the impact of mandatory reporting be completed prior to legislation being enacted. The following states have had study bills passed or introduced: Texas, Utah, Louisiana, Tennessee, Indiana and Delaware.
- As of March 10, 2006, 22 states have legislative activity regarding mandatory legislation: Alaska, Washington, Idaho, California, Colorado, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Missouri, Alabama, Georgia, Maryland, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire.

Federal



The National Quality Forum (NQF) is moving forward to develop a set of national standards for the collection and reporting of HAIs. APIC Headquarters, CACC, state hospital associations and multiple local APIC Chapters (including Sierra!) donated money to help support this effort.

Visit this link to read the NQF project summary:
<http://www.qualityforum.org/txNQFprojectsummaryHAI11-18-05ryn1.pdf>

Visit this site to learn more about the National Quality Forum <http://www.qualityforum.org/>

A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.
 – George Bernard Shaw

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