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Certification Corner

Q: Does IAHCSSM have a new legislative priority for 2012?

A: IAHCSSM adopted another legislative priority for 2012, which is healthcare-associated infections (HAIs). IAHCSSM supports the public reporting of data for HAIs and will actively promote laws and regulations to improve infection prevention programs in healthcare facilities. I will be tracking state legislation and regulations that are introduced on this issue. Also, be sure to check out our newly-created web page, which highlights states that have legislation or regulations, and revisit that page often for updates.



This new issue provides an opportunity for IAHCSSM members to send letters of support to their elected officials. This is yet another avenue for us to educate legislators about IAHCSSM (who we are, what we do), and what each of you do on a daily basis in your departments. The more these elected officials see IAHCSSM's name and are reminded of your profession, the more they will become familiar with us, which makes advocating for certification that much easier.

Just to be clear, the certification issue is still our number one legislative priority. We will not be hiring lobbyists for the HAI issue. This is simply another pertinent issue for us to weigh in on and help get your profession and IAHCSSM's name in front of elected officials.