

APIC-GD Highlights of Advocacy Report – May 17, 2007

- **TB - No change in N95 annual fit-testing at least to end of FY (9-30) MIOSHA maintaining current policy—no enforcement of annual fit-testing; just initial fit-test.**
- **CDC- HICPAC guidelines: Isolation out May 17-18. The May 10 2007 APIC Webinar on the Guidelines can be viewed anytime from the APIC Education Web site. Slides are appended—but its worth listening to the Webinar. (*Summary and actual slides appended to report*) Disinfection/Sterilization due out June 1, 2007**
- **APIC-CDC agree on approach to Respiratory protection- Comments presented at IOM meeting 2 22 07. Approach/criteria for new type of PRs is the same as that described in the new CDC Isolation guidelines appended**
- **HAI - Universal screening for MRSA — APIC does NOT support legislation; nor support Active Surveillance Culture (ASC) use except as outlined in CDC MDO guidelines. See ICHE May issue for Position paper;**
- **No movement on any HAI legislation in Michigan. APIC’s new map shows detailed information for each state.**
- **Infection Control Interpretive Guidelines (IG) not posted yet, but CMS expects draft to be used**
- **Michigan - 2007 ABHR Dispenser placement guidance- policy not resolved yet; NFPA and ICC both permit ABHR in corridor; local FM using ICC may prohibit FOAM dispensers—but DO permit gel. State still using 12” for distance from electrical outlet**
- **CMS Proposal of DRGs and HAI conditions—Document posted soon. Section F addresses HAI and other hospital acquired condition (see page 152-194). APIC, SHEA, et al will be commenting—as will MSIC**
The FY08 Inpatient Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule, released in April 13 2007 contains six proposed conditions—three HAI related conditions and three serious preventable events—for which CMS will not provide higher payments if the selected condition was not present upon admission. While these changes won't take effect until FY 2009, CMS will finalize its conditions by October 1, 2007. (It is noteworthy that use of Present on Admission codes” also take effect Oct 1 2007

Proposed conditions that will not be covered include: HAI related issues: Catheter-associated urinary tract infections; pressure ulcers; Staphylococcus aureus septicemia; and “serious preventable events”: object left in surgery; air embolism and blood incompatibility.

The rule can be found on display at
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/AcuteInpatientPPS/downloads/CMS-1533-P.pdf> .

- **USP 797—New subcommittee formed to provide more guidance on environmental monitoring issue- APIC/SHEA members include Keith St John-chair; Dr Arjun Srinivasan, Bill Rutala, Judene Bartley- one pharmacist and one microbiologist from ASM**

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