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## Hospital-acquired infection public reporting and MRSA related bills under consideration by states in 2009

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### **New Law** Alabama- [SB 89](#)

Bill Status: Passed – New law 5/15/09

Bill Sponsor: Sen. Bobby Denton

Bill Information: Requires hospital infection public reporting.

### Arizona – [SB 1228](#)

Bill Status: Introduced 1/28, read by Senate.

Bill Sponsor: Senator Meg Burton Cahill, Representatives Edward Ableser; Phil Lopes

Bill Information: Prescription marketing costs; gift disclosure

### **New Law** Colorado – [HB 1025](#)

Bill Status: Signed by Governor on 3/20/09.

Bill Sponsor: House: Riesberg, Frangas, Green, Massey; Senate: Boyd, Kopp, Morse

Bill Information: National certification for infection control for individuals responsible for collecting hospital-acquired infection data.

### **Session Over-All bills failed** Connecticut – [HB 5887](#); [SB 1049](#)

Bill Status: SB 1049: Passed Joint Committee on Public Health; HB 5887: Introduced 1/23, referred to Joint Committee on Public Health; HB 6192: 1/27: referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees; 3/9: referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis.

Bill Sponsor: HB 5887: Reps. Mary Fritz, Jeffrey Berger; HB 6192: Labor and Public Employees Committee; SB1049 sponsored by Public Health Committee.

Bill Information: HB 5887: civil penalty for hospital that do not comply with infection reporting law; SB1049: pharmaceutical company gift ban to doctors.

**Session over- All bills Failed Hawaii – [HB 1689](#); [SB 1261](#); [SB 170](#); [SB 361](#); [HR 73](#)**

Bill Status: HB 1689: Introduced 1/28 and passed first reading; 1/30: Referred to Committees on Health/Human Services, Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce/Judiciary, Committee on Finance, referral sheet 5; SB 1261: Introduced 1/28 and passed first reading 1/30, referred to Committees on Health, Ways and Means; SB 170: Introduced 1/23; Referred to Committee on Health on 1/26; Re-referred to Committees on Health, Ways and Means; 2/11: Public hearing; SB 361: Introduced 1/23; 1/26: Passed first reading; 1/28: Referred to Committees on Health, Commerce and Consumer Protection on 1/28, 2/11: Committee on Health public hearing; HR 73: Introduced 2/25/09; 3/6/09: Referred to health committee

Bill Sponsor: HB 1689: Takumi, Thielen; SB 1261: Gabbard, Chun Oakland, Hooser, Ige, Kidani, Sakamoto, Tsutsui; SB 170: Green, Baker, Chun Oakland, Ige; SB 361: Slom; HR 73: M. LEE, BROWER, RHOADS, Har

Bill Information: HB 1689: Prescription record privacy; SB 1261: Hospital infection reporting; SB 170: Reporting of staph infections; SB 361: Single use medical devices; HR 73: Requesting the Department of Health to establish reporting requirements for hospitals and medical facilities regarding hospital-acquired infections. Companion is HCR 93

**Illinois – [HB 185](#); [SB 105](#)**

Bill Status: HB 185: Passed House and Senate, sent to Governor on 6/17/09, SB 105: Did not pass.

Bill Sponsor: HB 185: Reps. Patricia Bellock, Sidney Mathias, Sandy Cole, Rosemary Mulligan; SB 105: Sen. Christine Radogno

Bill Information: HB 185: State residential facility MRSA screening; SB 105: State facility MRSA screening

**Session Over- Bill Failed- Indiana -- [HB 1539](#)**

Bill Status: Introduced 1/16, referred to House Committee on Public Health

Bill Sponsor: Rep. Noe

Bill Information: annual report on the number of MRSA infections at the hospital

**New Law - Iowa – [SF 48](#); [SF 389](#) (formerly SF 48)**

Bill Status: SF 389: Signed by Governor on 5/19/09.

Bill Sponsor: Hatch

Bill Information: Establishes insurance exchange; prohibits gifts to health care practitioners. No reimbursement of providers for an otherwise covered service if the service is required solely on account of the provider's avoidable medical error.

**Session Over- Bill Failed-Kentucky – [HB 67 \(BR 236\)](#)**

Bill Status: Did not pass

Bill Sponsor: Rep. Melvin Henley

Bill Information: Hospital-acquired and multi-drug resistant infections reporting bill

**New Law - Maine – [LD 1038](#)**

Bill Status: Passed House and Senate 6/4/09; signed by Governor 6/10/09.

Bill Sponsor: Rep. Adam Goode

Bill Information: MRSA screening of high risk patients

**Session Over- Bill Failed Maryland – [SB 750](#)**

Bill Status: Died in Finance Committee

Bill Sponsor: Senator Gladden

Bill Information: MRSA and VRE reporting bill

**Massachusetts – [HB 2139](#)**

Bill Status: Filed 1/14

Bill Sponsor: Denise Provost, John W. Scibak, Carl Sciortino, Jr., et. al

Bill Information: MRSA screening of high risk patients and reporting back to the health department and patient safety center.

**Michigan – [HB 4010](#)**

Bill Status: Introduced 1/22, referred to House Committee on Health Policy

Bill Sponsor: Rep. Lessia Liss

Bill Information: Hospital infection reporting

**Minnesota – [HF 724](#)**

Bill Status: Introduced 2/12, referred to Health Care and Human Services Policy and Oversight

Bill Sponsor: Kahn; Huntley; Thissen, Murphy, E; Clark

Bill Information: Hospital-acquired infections, including MRSA, required to be reported as adverse events.

**Session Over-Bill Failed Mississippi – [HB 811](#)**

Bill Status: Died in Committee 2/3/09.

Bill Sponsor: Lane, Evans, Scott

Bill information: Pharma must disclose gifts/fee

**Session over Bill Failed Missouri – [HB 286](#)**

Bill Status: Passed House; died in Senate Committee

Bill Sponsor: Reps. Robert Schaaf, Sander, Cooper

Bill information: Changes infection control law; MRSA control programs

**New Law Nevada – [SB 325](#)**

Bill Status: Signed by Governor on 5/26/09.

Bill Sponsor: Sen. Cegavske

Bill information: **Weak MRSA bill.** Screening, isolating and reporting bill amended to encourage instead of require hospitals develop a program.

**Reporting MRSA has been stripped from the bill.**

**New Law** New Hampshire – [HB 433](#); [HB 40](#); [HB 592](#)

**Bill Status:** [HB 592](#), [HB433](#) and [HB40](#) all passed into law.

**Bill Sponsor:** HB 433: Rep. Pepeno; HB 40: Reps. David Hess, Peter Batula, Charles McMahon, Leo Pepino; HB 592: Reps. Peter Batula, David Hess, Anne-Marie Irwin, Kathleen Sgambati, Robert Letourneau, Cindy Rosenwald, Joy Tilton, Sheila Roberge; HB 433: Reps. Pepino, Batula, C. McMahon, Hess, Welch, Sens. Gatsas, Roberge

**Bill Information:** HB 40: administrative fine of up to \$1,000 for each day of noncompliance upon any hospital required to report infection rates; **HB 592: adverse events reporting. HB 433: appropriation to fund the reporting of hospital infections.**

**New Law** New Jersey – [S2471/A1264](#)

**Bill Status:** S2471/A1264: Passed both houses on 6/18/09. Signed by Governor on 9/1/09.

**Bill Sponsor:** Sen. Vitale

**Bill Information:** Hospital Errors Accountability Law-prohibits hospitals for charging for certain medical errors and requires the state to release data identifying the hospitals responsible for making certain mistakes; prohibits hospitals for charging for some medical errors.

**Study Bill Passed** New Mexico- [SB 408](#)

**Bill Status:** Passed Senate and House; signed by Governor on 4/7/09.

**Bill Sponsor:** Sen. Dede Feldman

**Bill Information:** Creates hospital infection advisory committee

**New York – [A 294](#); [A 886](#); [A 2987](#); [A 3977](#); [S 496](#); [S 2189](#)**

**Bill Status:** A 294: 1/7: Referred to Health; A 886: Prefiled 1/7, referred to Health; A 2987: 1/22: Referred to Health; A 3977: 1/29: Referred to Health; S 496: 1/7/09: Referred to Health; S 2189: 2/13/09: Referred to Aging

**Bill Sponsor:** A 294: Magnarelli; Lancman, Eddington, Galef, Benedetto, Millman, Brook-Krasny, Colton, DelMonte, Cahill, Spano, Clark, Jaffree, Koon, Espaillat; A 886: McDonough, Finch, Bacalles, Thiele, Townsend; A 2987: Cusick; A 3977: Mayersohn; S 496: Sen. Lanza; S 2189: Sen. Golden

**Bill Information:** A 294: Establishes standards and programs related to the prevention and/or reduction of hospital acquired infections; A 886: Enacts the "hospital infections disclosure act"; A 2987: notifying hospital patients about hospital infections in the facility they are entering; A3977: Prohibits coverage plans, including Medicaid, from reimbursing hospital infection related costs; S 496: same as A 2987; S 2189: Establishes a coordinated statewide policy, investigation, and reporting requirements with respect to infections, including certain staphylococcus infections.

**North Carolina – [HB 296](#), [SB 330](#); [SB 202](#)**

**Bill Status:** SB 202: Sent to Governor 8/5/09; HB 296: Introduced 2/26; passed favorably by Health Committee; referred to Appropriations Committee on 3/9. SB

330: referred to Appropriations/Base Budget Committee

Bill Sponsor: HB 296: Rep. M. Alexander, Allen; SB 330: Purcell; SB 202: Sen. Garrou

Bill Information: HB 296/SB 330: provides for funding of hospital infection reporting; SB202: Budget bill that includes: The Department of Health and Human Services shall apply for federal funds that are available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, P.L. 111-5, to implement a mandatory statewide **hospital-acquired infections** surveillance and reporting system, as recommended by the Joint Study Committee on **Hospital Infection Control and Disclosure**.

### ***Session Over-Bill Failed*** Rhode Island – [SB 187](#)

Bill Status: Died in Committee

Bill Sponsor: Senator C Levesque

Bill Information: hospital infection reporting

### ***Session Over- All Bills Failed*** South Carolina – [SB 629](#); [SB 619](#)

Bill Status: SB 629: Died in Committee; SB 619: Died in Committee

Bill Sponsor: SB 629: Senator Reese; SB 619: Senator Anderson

Bill Information: SB 629: MRSA screening and isolation for high risk patients; SB 619: Allows the Department of Health and Environmental Control to combine data pursuant to the “Hospital Infections Disclosure Act” and to require the Board of Health and Environmental Control rather than the commissioner of the Department to appoint a hospital infection advisory committee, makes compliance with this act a condition of hospital licensure, and permits monetary penalties for noncompliance.

### ***New Law*** Texas – [SB 7](#); [HB 344](#); [SB 203](#); [SB 151](#); [SB 553](#); [HB 1386](#); [SB 1535](#); [SB 1816](#) ([HB 1362](#));

Bill Status: HB 1362 Passed-Signed by Governor on 6/19/09. SB 203: Passed-signed by Governor 6/19/09. SB 7: Did not pass but sections were amended to other bills; HB 334: Did not pass SB 151: Did not pass. SB 553: Did not pass. HB 1386: Did not pass. SB 1535: Did not pass.

Bill Sponsor: SB 7: Nelson; HB 344: Leibowitz; SB 203: Shapleigh; SB 151: Ellis; SB 553: Lucio, Carona, Wendy Davis, Duell, Ellis, Wentworth; HB 1386: Yvonne Davis; SB 1535: Hinojosa; SB1816: Van DePutte; HB1362: Gutierrez.

Bill Information: **HB 1362: establish a pilot program to research and implement procedures for reporting cases of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) infection. SB 203: the incidence of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) infections in any unit in the hospital;** SB 7: Medicare nonpayment rules for TX Medical assistance program; medical error reporting; HB 344: Prohibits state Medicaid reimbursement for all 27 never events; SB 151: physician gift disclosure; SB 553: physician gift disclosure; HB 1386: reporting of deaths due to hospital infections; SB 1535: Medicaid nonpayment of certain preventable adverse events and reporting of hospital infections.

**New Law Vermont – [SB 48](#); [H 212](#)**

**Bill Status:** **SB 48: Passed both Houses on 5/9; enacted 6/8/09.** H 212: Died in Committee

**Bill Sponsor:** SB 48: Sens. Peter Sumlin, Kevn Mullin, Matthew Choate, Timothy Ashe; H 212: Rep. Donna Sweaney

**Bill Information:** **SB 48: eliminating most Pharma gifts to physicians and disclosing others;** H 212: Health care commissioner, in consultation with representatives from the public oversight commission, hospitals, etc. shall adopt rules establishing a standard format for the content of reports, including measures of hospital-acquired infections.

**New Law Washington – [HB 1123](#); [SB 5500](#); [HB 2375](#)**

**Bill Status:** Signed by Governor 4/28; Chapter No. 244; HB 1123: Introduced 1/14, House Health Care and Wellness Committee; 1/27: hearing; 2/13: Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness; substituted and recommended to be passed; 3/11: referred to Senate Health & Long-Term Care; hearing schedules for 3/25. SB 5500: Introduced 1/23, referred to Health & Long-Term Care; 2/4: Public hearing; 2/5: Executive action taken; 2/6: HEA-Majority: do pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading; HB 2375 introduced and referred to House Health Care and Wellness on 4/16.

**Bill Sponsor:** HB 1123: Campbell, Morrell, Hunter, Pedersen, Chase, Ormsby, Simpson, Wood, Conway; SB 5500: Sens. Keiser, Pflug, Franklin, Parlette, Murray, Kohl-Welles

**Bill Information:** HB 1123: Reducing spread of multi-drug resistant organisms; SB 5500: MRSA screening of ICU patients

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