

Center for Medicaid and State Operations/Survey and Certification Group

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TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Director
Survey and Certification Group

SUBJECT: June 30, 2009 Healthcare-Associated Infections Professional Stakeholder Meeting – For Your Information

Memorandum Summary

- On June 30, 2009, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) plans to gather its key partners in the Action Plan to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections to provide updates on the initiative and engage in a dialogue about potential next steps.
- The Recovery Act HAI initiatives, including the ASC HAI initiative, are distinct from, but consistent with the goals, objectives, and recommendations in the HHS Action Plan.
- We are sharing with you the information HHS provided to us so that you can, in turn, provide it to interested individuals in your areas and other organizations, as appropriate.
- The June 30th meeting is in Washington, DC. Future meetings may take place in Seattle, Denver, and Chicago.

As part of a national effort to prevent healthcare-associated infections (HAI), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued the Action Plan to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections in January 2009 (www.hhs.gov/ophs/initiatives/hai/index.html) and solicited comments from interested stakeholder groups in support of a national HAI prevention effort. The Recovery Act HAI initiatives, including the ASC HAI initiative we have previously discussed with State Survey Agencies, are distinct from, but consistent with the goals, objectives, and recommendations in the HHS Action Plan.

In follow up to the HAI Action Plan, HHS plans to gather its key partners in the HAI prevention effort to provide updates on the initiative and engage in a dialogue about potential next steps. In order to maximize participation, we are sharing with you the information they provided to us so that you can, in turn, provide it to interested individuals in your areas and other organizations, as appropriate.

The details, as well as information on how to RSVP to attend the Washington, DC meeting are below. Future meetings may take place in Seattle, Denver, and Chicago.

Healthcare-Associated Infections Professional Stakeholder Meeting

SAVE THE DATE INFORMATION

Who?

Stakeholders interested in reducing Healthcare-Associated Infections. Please feel free to forward to others within your organization or networks who may be interested in this issue.

What?

A stakeholder dialogue session on Tuesday, June 30 designed to hear from you and other organizations on how to refine and operationalize aspects of the HHS Action Plan to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections. An agenda is under development by HHS, The Keystone Center, and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) and will be sent to those who RSVP at the link below.

When?

Tuesday, June 30, 2009 from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm. Plan to arrive between 8:30 and 8:50 AM as participants will need to check in and be escorted to the meeting room. We strongly advise that participants stay the entire day as various agenda items will build upon earlier conversations.

Where?

The Hubert H. Humphrey Building
200 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20201
Conference Room #800

Details (Including RSVP)

<http://www.keystone.org/node/295>

If you have any questions regarding this, feel free to contact Ms. Amber Brummer of The Keystone Center at (970) 513-5805 or abrummer@keystone.org

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