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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Infection prevention and control advisory committee:
3 membership; duties

4 A. The infection prevention and control advisory committee is
5 established consisting of:

6 1. The director of the department of health services, or the
7 director's designee.

8 2. The state epidemiologist or the state epidemiologist's designee.

9 3. The following members who are appointed by the director of the
10 department of health services:

11 (a) A representative from a public hospital who is an infection
12 control practitioner, who is a member of an Arizona association for
13 professionals in infection control and epidemiology and who is certified in
14 infection control by the certification board of infection control and
15 epidemiology.

16 (b) A representative from a private hospital who is an infection
17 control practitioner, who is a member of an Arizona association for
18 professionals in infection control and epidemiology and who is certified in
19 infection control by the certification board of infection control and
20 epidemiology.

21 (c) A physician who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13 or
22 17, Arizona Revised Statutes, who is affiliated with a hospital or medical
23 school located in this state, who is an active member of a national
24 organization specializing in epidemiology or infection control and who has
25 demonstrated an interest and expertise in health care facility infection
26 control.

27 (d) An emergency room physician who is licensed pursuant to title 32,
28 chapter 13 or 17, Arizona Revised Statutes, who is affiliated with a hospital
29 or medical school located in this state and who has experience in health care
30 facility infection control.

31 (e) A pharmacist who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 18,
32 Arizona Revised Statutes, and who has demonstrated expertise in antibiotic
33 stewardship programs.

34 (f) A registered nurse who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter
35 15, Arizona Revised Statutes, and who has experience as an infection control
36 practitioner.

37 (g) A representative from a nonprofit long-term care facility who has
38 experience in health care facility infection control.

39 (h) A representative from a for-profit long-term care facility who has
40 experience in health care facility infection control.

41 (i) A representative from an assisted living facility who has
42 experience in health care facility infection control.

43 (j) A representative from a health care consumer organization.

44 (k) A representative from a health insurer.

45 (l) A survivor of a health care or community associated infection.

1 (m) A representative from an organization that represents hospitals in
2 this state.

3 B. The director may appoint additional members, as necessary, to
4 address relevant issues.

5 C. The advisory committee shall:

6 1. At its first meeting, elect a person from among its membership to
7 serve as committee chairperson.

8 2. Review federal and state efforts to address the problem of
9 community and health care associated infections.

10 3. Recommend standard definitions for community and health care
11 associated infections and other relevant terms that may be used to identify
12 and monitor these infections.

13 4. Review current federal and state mandates relating to surveillance,
14 prevention and control of community and health care associated infections,
15 including reporting requirements, value based purchasing requirements and
16 medicare conditions of participation requirements.

17 5. Determine if additional community and health care associated
18 infection reporting and outcome improvement requirements are necessary to
19 improve and promote patient safety and health care outcomes. In making this
20 determination, the committee shall consider the potential differences in
21 infection risks for health care institutions, taking into account factors
22 such as case mix, the severity of the types of infections and resource
23 implications.

24 6. Recommend best practices for the prevention and control of
25 community and health care associated infections, including benchmarks based
26 on national standards for improvement of health care associated infection
27 prevention and control efforts in health care institutions.

28 7. Recommend components of a community education campaign that fosters
29 awareness and education of the public regarding the risk factors, behaviors
30 and prevention techniques associated with community and health care
31 associated infections, as well as strategies to prevent antimicrobial drug
32 resistance.

33 8. On or before December 31, 2009, submit a written report of its
34 findings and recommendations to the governor, the president of the senate,
35 the speaker of the house of representatives and the chairpersons of the
36 health committees of the senate and the house of representatives. The
37 committee shall provide a copy of its report to the secretary of state and
38 the director of the Arizona state library, archives and public records.

39 Sec. 2. Delayed repeal

40 This act is repealed from and after September 30, 2010.