



New Mexico Hospital Association

2009 Legislative Agenda

QUALITY

Hospital Associated Infection (HAI) Reporting

Background: Over the past year, NMHA has been an active participant in an advisory committee staffed by NMDOH which has overseen a pilot project of 6 hospitals gathering data on Central Line Blood Stream Infections (CLABSIs) and immunization of health care workers. This has been a solid, science-based project and the committee, DOH and legislators are preparing to broaden the program. The Advisory Committee recommendations are:

- Expand reporting of CLABSIs and HCW influenza vaccination rates to include additional hospitals and plan for public reporting to begin after one additional year of data collection in order to:
 - Gain more experience validating and analyzing the data
 - Utilize the first year of pilot data to develop and test (e.g., with focus groups, experts in the field) public reporting mechanisms
 - Educate/recruit additional New Mexico hospitals to join the HAI reporting initiative
- Recommend to the New Mexico Legislature that mandated reporting be considered to start July 1, 2010 with adequate resources for implementation
- If HAI reporting is mandated, program development would include:
 - Hospital training; data collection/management/analysis/dissemination; public reporting

*NMHA Position: **Support** the Advisory Committee recommendations and **Oppose** onerous reporting of and no-payment for Serious Reportable Events.*