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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the detection and prevention of certain
2 hospital-associated bloodstream infections.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 5690HH 82
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135B.18B METHICILLIN=RESISTANT
1 2 STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS CONTROL PROGRAM.
1 3 1. DEFINITION. As used in this section, "MRSA" means
1 4 methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus.
1 5 2. CONTROL PROGRAM. In order to improve the prevention of
1 6 hospital-associated bloodstream infections due to
1 7 methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, every hospital
1 8 shall establish an MRSA control program that requires all of
1 9 the following:
1 10 a. Identification of all MRSA-colonized patients in all
1 11 intensive care units, and other at-risk patients identified by
1 12 the hospital, through active surveillance testing.
1 13 b. Isolation of identified MRSA-colonized or MRSA-infected
1 14 patients in an appropriate manner.
1 15 c. Monitoring and strict enforcement of hand hygiene
1 16 requirements.
1 17 d. Maintenance of records and reporting of cases pursuant
1 18 to subsection 3.
1 19 3. REPORTING BY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.
1 20 a. Commencing October 1, 2008, the department of public
1 21 health shall compile aggregate data for all hospitals on the
1 22 total number of infections due to MRSA that are present on
1 23 admission to a hospital and that occurred during the hospital
1 24 stay, reported separately, as compiled from diagnostic codes
1 25 contained in the hospital discharge data sets provided to the
1 26 department. This reporting requirement shall apply only for
1 27 patients in all intensive care units and other at-risk
1 28 patients identified by hospitals for active surveillance
1 29 testing for MRSA. The department of public health may adopt
1 30 rules, based on guidelines developed by the national center
1 31 for health statistics, requiring hospitals, after October 1,
1 32 2008, to submit data to the department relating to infections
1 33 due to MRSA that is coded as "present on admission" and
1 34 "occurred during the stay".
1 35 b. The department of public health shall make such data
2 1 available on its web site and shall make an annual report to
2 2 the general assembly.

EXPLANATION

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2 4 This bill requires every hospital to establish a
2 5 methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) control
2 6 program which identifies and isolates patients in intensive
2 7 care units, and other at-risk patients, who are infected or
2 8 colonized with MRSA and identifies at-risk patients through a
2 9 surveillance program. Commencing October 1, 2008, the
2 10 department of public health is required to compile aggregate
2 11 data for all hospitals on the total number of infections due
2 12 to MRSA that are present on admission to a hospital and that
2 13 occurred during the hospital stay and make that data available
2 14 on its web site, and in an annual report to the general
2 15 assembly.
2 16 Methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus is a type of
2 17 staph bacteria that has appeared in persons in hospitals and
2 18 other health facilities.
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