Goals

- Provide background and guidance regarding the development of state plans
- Hear/Discuss questions and comments related to the development of state plans
Agenda

- Background
- HHS Action Plan: Development and Implementation
- Recovery Act Funds Targeting HAIs
- Healthy People 2020
- State Plans: Legislation and Development
- Questions
Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAIs)

- **What are they?**
  - Bloodstream infections, urinary tract infections, pneumonia, surgical site infections

- **The Problem**
  - 1.7 million HAIs in hospitals—unknown burden in other healthcare settings
  - 99,000 deaths per year
  - $26-33 billion in added healthcare costs

- **HAI Prevention**
  - Implementing what we know for prevention can lead to up to a 70% or more reduction in HAIs
Increasing Needs for Public Health Approach Across the Continuum of Care

- Acute Care Facility
- Outpatient/Ambulatory Facility
- Long Term Care Facility
- Home Care

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HHS Action Plan to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections
GAO Report: Recommendations for HHS

- Improve central coordination of HHS-supported prevention and surveillance strategies

- Identify priorities among CDC guidelines to:
  - Promote implementation of high priority practices

- Establish greater consistency and compatibility of the HAI-related data across HHS systems to:
  - Increase reliable national estimates of HAIs
HHS Steering Committee for the Prevention of HAI

- **Charge:** Develop an Action Plan to reduce, prevent, and ultimately eliminate HAIs

- **Plan will:**
  - Establish national goals for reducing HAIs
  - Include short- and long-term benchmarks
  - Outline opportunities for collaboration with external stakeholders
  - Coordinate and leverage HHS resources to accelerate and maximize impact
Tier One Priorities

**HAI Priority Areas**
- Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection
- Central Line-Associated Blood Stream Infection
- Surgical Site Infection
- Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia
- MRSA
- *Clostridium difficile*

**Implementation Focus**
- Hospitals

*Tier Two will address other types of healthcare facilities*
Steering Committee
Working Group Structure

HHS Steering Committee for the Prevention of HAI

- **Prevention and Implementation**
  Lead: CDC

- **Research**
  Lead: AHRQ

- **Information Systems and Technology**
  Co-Leads: OS/ONC & CDC

- **Incentives and Oversight**
  Co-Leads: CMS

- **Outreach and Messaging**
  Lead: OS/OPHS

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HHS Action Plan

- Initial version issued in January 2009
- Public comment received in February 2009
- Revision finalized in June 2009
- HHS Action Plan Website
  
  [http://www.hhs.gov/ophs/initiatives/hai](http://www.hhs.gov/ophs/initiatives/hai)

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Hold five stakeholder/public engagement meetings
Washington, DC – Tuesday, June 30 (National Level)
Denver, CO – Saturday, July 25 (Regional/State Level)
Chicago, IL – Thursday, July 30 (Regional/State Level)
Seattle, WA – Thursday, Aug 27 (Regional/State Level)
Chicago, IL – Tuesday, Sept 22 (Regional/State Level)

Engage professional and public stakeholders in the HHS Action Plan
Request input on priorities and strategies

Additional Information
http://www.hhs.gov/ophs/initiatives/hai
American Reinvestment and
Building State Programs to Prevent HAIs

- Project Description:
  - Create and expand state-based HAI prevention collaboratives
  - Build a public health HAI workforce in states
  - Enhance states abilities to assess where HAIs are occurring

- Agency Lead: CDC
- Collaborating Agencies: AHRQ and CMS
- Funds Source & Amount: ARRA ($40 M)
- CDC HAI Recovery Act Website
  [http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ra](http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ra)
New Ambulatory Surgery Center
Infection Instrument

- Project Description:
  - Nationwide application of a new infection control survey instrument (designed by CMS & CDC)
  - Use of new tracer methodology
  - Use of multiple-person teams for ASCs over a certain size or complexity, and greater frequency than the current 10-year average inspection frequency (goal 3 years)

- Agency Lead: CMS
- Collaborating Agencies: CDC
- Funds Source & Amount: 2-year funding with ARRA grant dollars of $1 million in FY09 and the remaining $9 million in FY10
Healthy People: What is it Now?

- A comprehensive set of national ten-year health objectives
- A framework for public health priorities and actions
- Guided health policy decisions for 3 decades
- [http://www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov)
Draft Mission Statement

- **Healthy People 2020 strives to:**
  - Identify nationwide health improvement priorities;
  - Increase public awareness and understanding of the determinants of health, disease, and disability and the opportunities for progress;
  - Provide measurable objectives and goals that are applicable at the national, state, and local levels;
  - Engage multiple sectors to take actions to strengthen policies and improve practices that are driven by the best available evidence and knowledge;
  - Identify critical research, evaluation, and data collection needs.
Healthy People 2020 – Phase II
New Topic Areas

- Access to Health Services
- Adolescent Health
- Children’s Health
- Genomics
- Global Health
- Older Adults
- Healthcare-Associated Infections

- Quality of Life
- Social Determinants of Health
- Blood Disorders and Blood Safety
- Healthy Places
- Preparedness
State Plan Legislation

- Fiscal Year 2009 Omnibus Bill:
  - Requires states receiving Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant funds to certify that they will submit a plan to the Secretary of HHS not later than **January 1, 2010**
  - State plans will:
    - Be consistent with the HHS Action Plan
    - Contain measurable 5-year goals and interim milestones for preventing HAIs
    - Be reviewed by the Secretary of HHS with a summary report submitted to Congress by **June 1, 2010**

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“As part of an HHS-wide initiative to reduce healthcare-associated infections (HAI s) coordinated by the HHS Office of the Secretary, the bill includes language that each state must certify that it will submit a plan by January 1, 2010 to the Secretary of Health and Human Services for reducing HAI s to be eligible for the full allotment in this Act under the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant. State plans shall be consistent with the Department of Health and Human Services national action plan for reducing such infections.”
“The bill also includes additional funding to provide States increased support for a wide range of public and preventive health activities. States are strongly encouraged to use these increased resources to invest in strategies to reduce HAIs through collaborations with public health departments and healthcare facilities and to begin to develop statewide plans.”
State Plan Template

- Provides framework to ensure progress towards five-year national prevention targets as described in the HHS Action Plan in the following areas:
  - Develop or Enhance HAI Program Infrastructure
  - Surveillance, Detection, Reporting, and Response
  - Prevention
  - Evaluation, Oversight, and Communication
State HAI Plan Template provides choices for developing or enhancing state HAI prevention activities

- States can choose to target different levels of HAI prevention efforts indicated by checking appropriate boxes. This can serve as the state’s HAI plan for submission.
- The template is designed to be flexible and accommodate states at different levels of planning.
- If your state has an existing plan, you may choose to incorporate that plan into the template or submit the existing plan in place of the template.

CDC will be providing relevant training and technical support for Recovery Act HAI programs

State Plan Template

http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/stateHAIplan.html
Timeline

- July 1, 2009 – All States certified that they will submit a plan to CDC and therefore received their full Block Grant funding
- August 19, 2009 – HHS/OS call with States and partners
- October 19-20, 2009 – CDC to host ELC Recovery Act grantee meeting in Atlanta, GA
  - State plans will be part of the discussion
- January 1, 2010 – State plans due to HHS/OS
- January 1, 2010 through June 1, 2010 – HHS Secretary to conduct a review of State plans with CDC technical support
- June 1, 2010 – HHS Secretary provides report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate

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Submission Process

- Email to haistateplans@hhs.gov
- Mail to:
  - HAI State Plans
  - Department of Health & Human Services
  - Office of the Secretary
  - Office of Public Health & Science
  - 200 Independence Avenue SW, Room 716G
  - Washington, DC 20201
- Plans must be submitted by January 1, 2010
HHS HAI Programs & Resources to Support States

Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (CDC)
http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp

Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee Guidelines (CDC)
http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/hicpac_pubs.html

National Healthcare Safety Network (CDC)
http://www.cdc.gov/NHSN and nhsn@cdc.gov

Prevention of Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infections: Audio Feature (AHRQ)

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Quality Improvement Organizations (CMS)

Background
Medicare Quality Improvement Community (MedQIC)
http://www.qualitynet.org/medqic

How to Partner with QIOs
QIO Synergy
http://www.qiosynergy.org

All Medicare Quality Improvement Work
CMS Quality of Care Center
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/center/quality.asp
Points of Contact & Important Links

Questions?
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http://www.hhs.gov/ophs/initiatives/hai

State HAI Plan Template
http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/stateHAIplan.html
What Happens if a Plan is Not Submitted?

- At this time, no penalties for non-submission exist.
- States are strongly urged to follow this timeline because the state plans:
  - Should be linked to ARRA funded HAI activities, which do have a wide range of accountability measures in place.
  - Will assist the Federal Government in identification of future funding opportunities and opportunities for technical support to States.
Questions?