



# Division of Public and Behavioral Health Technical Bulletin



**Topic: 2016 Healthcare-Associated Infection State Progress Report**

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**To: General Public, Healthcare providers**

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) health-associated infections (HAIs) are a threat to patient safety. HAIs occur when healthcare workers neglect to follow best practices such as hand hygiene, proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE), and proper cleaning of environmental surfaces, etc., which result in a patient contracting a preventable infection. As a means to promote the prevention of HAIs, Nevada adopted regulations to make the following HAIs reportable beginning in 2011; Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI) including Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) bloodstream infections and Surgical Site Infections (SSIs) for hospitals that have an average daily census of 25 or more. These infections are reported into the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). NHSN is a database that was created by CDC to collect data on HAIs and other healthcare associated data. NHSN provides facilities, states regions, and the nation with data needed to identify problem areas, measure progress of prevention efforts, and ultimately eliminate HAIs.

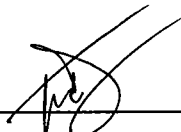
Nevada's HAI State Progress report will show the improvement of hospitals in Nevada in their effort to prevent HAIs amongst those who are treated in their facility. This report is intended for the general public, healthcare workers, and those who work to improve public health. The report summarizes basic HAI data reported by healthcare facilities to NHSN, and contains 2013 and 2014 data from state licensed healthcare facilities that met the definition for mandated reporters.

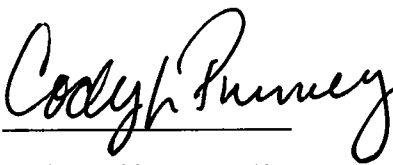
Infection prevention is an ongoing goal for Nevada. With best practices being used daily when caring for patients, Nevada will not only decrease, but eventually eliminate healthcare-associated infections. Work in prevention practices is still needed to ensure patients are not subjected to receiving an infection when they visit Nevada healthcare facilities, but we are well on our way to providing better healthcare within Nevada.

**To review Nevada's HAI State Progress report, please visit our website at:**

[http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/HAI/dta/Publications/Healthcare\\_Associated\\_Infection\\_Prevention\\_and\\_Control\\_\(HAI\)\\_-Publications/](http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/HAI/dta/Publications/Healthcare_Associated_Infection_Prevention_and_Control_(HAI)_-Publications/)

- For more information regarding Nevada's mandates for HAIs please visit:  
<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NAC/NAC-439.html#NAC439Sec935>

  
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