

AN ACT concerning regulation.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the MRSA Screening and Reporting Act.

Section 5. MRSA control program. In order to improve the prevention of hospital-associated bloodstream infections due to methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* ("MRSA"), every hospital shall establish an MRSA control program that requires:

(1) Identification of all MRSA-colonized patients in all intensive care units, and other at-risk patients identified by the hospital, through active surveillance testing.

(2) Isolation of identified MRSA-colonized or MRSA-infected patients in an appropriate manner.

(3) Monitoring and strict enforcement of hand hygiene requirements.

(4) Maintenance of records and reporting of cases under Section 10 of this Act.

Section 10. Reporting by Department of Public Health.

(a) After October 1, 2007, the Department of Public Health shall compile aggregate data for all hospitals on the total

number of infections due to methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) that (1) are present on admission to a hospital and (2) occurred during the hospital stay, reported separately, as compiled from diagnostic codes contained in the Hospital Discharge Dataset provided to the Department; provided, that this reporting requirement shall apply only for patients in all intensive care units and other at-risk patients identified by hospitals for active surveillance testing for MRSA. The Department is authorized to require hospitals, based on guidelines developed by the National Center for Health Statistics, after October 1, 2007, to submit data to the Department that is coded as "present on admission" and "occurred during the stay".

(b) The Department shall make such data available on its web site, in an annual report, and on the Hospital Report Card pursuant to the Hospital Report Card Act.

Section 90. Repeal. This Act is repealed on January 1, 2011.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.