

**HEALTH**

**POLICY AND STRATEGIC PLANNING BRANCH**

**HEALTH CARE QUALITY ASSESSMENT**

**Readoption with Amendments: N.J.A.C. 8:56**

**Health Care Facility Infection Reporting**

Proposed: December 21, 2015, at 47 N.J.R. 3075 (a) (see also 48 N.J.R. 42(a)).

Adopted: May 13, 2016, by Cathleen D. Bennett, Commissioner, Department of Health.

Filed: May 13, 2016, as R.2016 d.061, **without change**.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., particularly 26:2H-12.45.

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   June 20, 2016, Amendments.

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**Summary of Public Comment and Agency Response:**

**No comments were received.**

**Federal Standards Statement**

N.J.S.A. 26:2H-12.39 through 12.45, particularly N.J.S.A. 26:2H-12.41.a and 12.41.b, requires general hospitals licensed in accordance with the Health Care Facilities Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., to report information related to healthcare associated infections (HAI) to the Department. The act identifies the following two categories of HAI-related information for reporting: (1) the process quality indicators as identified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS); and (2) the information relating to the major site categories that define HAI as identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). See N.J.S.A. 26:2H-12.41.

N.J.S.A. 26:2H-5.1.e extends these same requirements to ambulatory care facilities. In all cases, the Department, in consultation with the Quality Improvement Advisory Committee (QIAC) within the Department, is required to select reportable data from either CMS or CDC data dictionaries. Existing N.J.A.C. 8:56 does not contain, and the readopted rules with amendments would not create, separate State reporting requirements in addition to what may be required by the CMS or the CDC. Since the rules readopted with amendments meet, but do not exceed, Federal standards, a Federal standards analysis is not required.

**Full text** of the readopted rules can be found in the New Jersey Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 8:56.

**Full text** of the adopted amendments follows:

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