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CHAPTER LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE (CLR) Update

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AHRQ MRSA Prevention Toolkit: Targeting SSI

-  **“Toolkit for MRSA Prevention: Targeting SSI”** released by AHRQ
-  **Purpose:** To equip healthcare providers with **resources and tools** to combat the challenges of:
 - **MRSA (Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus)**
 - **Surgical Site Infections (SSI)**
-  **Focus Areas:**
 - Cardiac surgeries
 - Hip and knee joint replacements
 - Spinal fusion procedures



New AHRQ Evidence Report: Preventing NV-HAP



The **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)**, through its **Effective Health Care Program**, has published a new **evidence report**:



Title: *“Interventions to Prevent Nonventilator Hospital-Acquired Pneumonia (NV-HAP)”*



Purpose: To evaluate and summarize current evidence on strategies to prevent **NV-HAP**, a serious and often overlooked healthcare-associated infection.



✓ This report supports informed decision-making and guides best practices in **acute care settings**.

-  **New Educational Webinar Released:** The **CDC's Project Firstline** and the **American Medical Association (AMA)** partnered to present:
-  **Webinar Title: “Measles on the Rise: How to Prepare and Respond in Your Clinic”**
-  **Recording Available Now:** Access the full webinar on the **AMA EdHub** webpage.



Measles on the Rise
How to prepare and respond in your clinic

Thursday, May 15
10:00a CT | 11:00a ET

    

 

Submit your questions in advance!

Changes to CDC's ACIP and Legislative Response

-  **Leadership Shake-Up at CDC's ACIP**
 - HHS Secretary **Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.** has **removed all 17 members** of the **CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)**
 - He appointed new members **before the June 25–27 ACIP meeting in Atlanta**
-  **Congressional Response**
 - Democratic members of the **House Energy and Commerce Committee** have introduced the **Family Vaccine Protection Act**
 - Goal: To **protect access to affordable vaccines** amid concerns over the ACIP leadership changes



Take Action to Protect Infection Prevention Funding

-  **Federal budget cuts** are threatening infection prevention efforts at key agencies: *CDC, AHRQ, VA, FDA, and NIH*
-  **HAI prevention grants** are being withdrawn from some state & local health departments
-  With the **FY 2026 budget** under review, your voice matters more than ever
-  **Act now:**
 - Send a **pre-written letter** to Congress
 - Keep **funding amounts & program names** unchanged
 - Personalize if you wish—but **keep it short** for certain offices
-  **Share** this action with colleagues & friends—**every voice counts!**
-  Scan the QR code to act now!





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ACTION CENTER

Hi Marissa in Yardley, PA!



The President has released his final budget proposal for FY 2026. With the passage of a Continuing Resolution (CR) to flat fund the federal government for FY 2025, it is important to advocate now for funding infection prevention and control priorities in FY 2026, particularly as Congress completes its budget work and turns to its appropriations work.

Please feel free to adjust the message as you see fit. However, we recommend not changing the dollar amounts, as offices will need those as they consider the FY 2026 appropriations. Also, some offices do require short messages and may need the message below shortened. If this is necessary, we would recommend keeping the program name and dollar amounts intact.

Thank you for taking the time to support these important programs.

Compose Your Message

- Senator John Fetterman
- Senator Dave McCormick
- Representative Brian Fitzpatrick

Feel free to personalize the message below, but be sure to include funding levels and program names because Congressional office will need them. Also, please note you may have to shorten the message, so it won't be cut off based on size limits.

Subject

Please support these important patient safety f

Message Body

I am writing to ask you to support

Are You Interested in Engaging with State Legislators About Infection Prevention?

- As legislation and regulation around infection prevention increase, policymakers need expert guidance.
- We're exploring the idea of organizing state-level **“meet and greet” visits** with legislators to introduce them to the profession, APIC, and our role in public health.
- **Would you be interested in participating in one or more of the following?**
 - *Select all that apply:*
 - ☒ I'd be interested in **meeting with a state legislator** (in-person or virtual)
 - ☒ I would like to receive **guidance or talking points** to help prepare
 - ☒ I can help **organize or coordinate** visits
 - ☒ I'm unsure, but I'd like to **learn more**
 - ☐ Not at this time
-  **Scan the QR code to take the poll now!**

