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## Summary FY2010 Consolidated Appropriations Act

### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

#### Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAIs)

**\$190 million**, \$17 million above the President’s request and \$28 million above the 2009 fiscal year, to continue an aggressive campaign to dramatically reduce life-threatening infections that patients acquire while receiving treatment for medical or surgical conditions. HAIs are among the top ten leading causes of death in the United States, accounting for nearly 100,000 deaths, 1.7 million infections, and \$30 billion in excess healthcare costs every year.

#### **The bill includes:**

- **\$5 million** for the HHS Office of the Secretary to coordinate and integrate HAI-related activities across the Department and continue a national media campaign for health care providers and consumers launched in FY 2009.
- **\$136 million**, \$6 million above 2009, for CDC’s emerging infectious diseases portfolio, which includes HAIs, for expanded surveillance, public health research, and prevention activities
- **\$15 million**, \$5 million above 2009, to expand the CDC National Healthcare Safety Network for increased HAI surveillance in hospitals.
- **\$34 million**, \$17 million above 2009, for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) for nationwide implementation of evidence-based HAI prevention training in over 5,000 hospitals and for the MRSA Collaborative Research Initiative.

#### Nursing Home and Medical Facilities Inspections

**\$347 million**, \$54 million above 2009, within Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for enhanced State inspections in nursing homes and other medical facilities where HAIs are rising, giving inspectors’ greater opportunities to identify infection control problems.

The conferees also urge CMS to include additional infection control measures in its hospital performance reporting system, Hospital Compare, and its “pay for performance” and “pay for reporting” systems.

#### **Other Report Language**

#### **Preparedness, Detection, and Control of Infectious Diseases**



“The conferees are aware of various studies in Japan, the United Kingdom and the U.S. Department of Defense into substances that reduce the bio-load of surfaces in hospital rooms. In particular, some copper alloys in place of stainless steel or plastics may reduce the spread of microbial infectious organisms. The conferees request that CDC review the literature available and report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate on the status of this research and its potential for reducing healthcare-associated infections.”

### **National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health**

“The 2009 H1N1 virus pandemic has highlighted the need to protect health care workers who have been on the front lines providing care to those who have become infected and sick. The current pandemic also has revealed that there are major gaps in our scientific knowledge about the modes of transmission of influenza and the most effective methods to prevent transmission and protect health care workers, including the type of respiratory protection that should be utilized to protect health care workers from exposure. The conference agreement includes increased funding over the fiscal year 2009 level for the National Occupational Research Agenda. The conferees urge NIOSH to direct some of this increase to intramural and extramural research to implement the recommendations of the 2008 and 2009 Institute of Medicine reports, including research to determine relative contribution of various routes of influenza transmission; and for each mode of transmission, efficacious means to prevent and control transmission, and to limit exposure to health care workers.”

(Sources: 12/8/2009 House Committee on Appropriations Summary and House Report 111-366, the Report to Accompany H.R. 3288, the FY10 Consolidated Appropriations Bill)