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TO: Senator Brakey, Representative Hymanson, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

CC: Anna Broome, Legislative Analyst  
Joseph Bruno, Chair, MQF Board of Trustees

FROM: Karynlee Harrington, Maine Quality Forum

DATE: April 19, 2017

RE: Maine Quality Forum's 2017 Annual Healthcare Associated Infections Report

Title 24-A Chapter 87 §6951 requires the Maine Quality Forum, in collaboration with the Maine CDC, to report annually on the state of healthcare associated infections (HAI) in Maine hospitals and on statewide collaborative efforts to control and prevent healthcare associated infections.

We usually submit our annual report to the Health and Human Services Committee in April or May. However, due to circumstances beyond our control, we anticipate submitting our 2017 annual report later this fall. The delay has been caused by ongoing data issues associated with the January software update at the U.S. CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) which collects HAI infection data from hospitals around the country, including all hospitals in Maine. The data we use to calculate the infection rates in our HAI report comes from NHSN. As soon as the NHSN resolves their data issues, we will access the data needed to produce our annual HAI report.

I will update the committee on any changes to the timeline described above. In the interim, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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