

**The Office of Healthcare Quality Solicits Public Comment on the Draft
*National Action Plan to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections:
Roadmap to Elimination***

The [Office of Healthcare Quality](http://www.hhs.gov/ash/ohq/), (<http://www.hhs.gov/ash/ohq/>) on behalf of the HHS Steering Committee for the Prevention of Healthcare-Associated Infections, requests input on the revised draft [*National Action Plan to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections: Roadmap to Elimination*](http://www.hhs.gov/ash/initiatives/hai/infection.html) (<http://www.hhs.gov/ash/initiatives/hai/infection.html>). This document reflects a significant update and expansion from the initial version issued in 2009, “HHS Action Plan to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections.” It includes new sections specific to infection reduction in ambulatory surgical centers and end-stage renal disease facilities, as well as a new section on increasing influenza vaccination of health care personnel. The *HAI Action Plan* reflects the work of many offices across the Department of Health & Human Services, Department of Defense, and Department of Veterans Affairs. The plan also reflects input from national experts and stakeholder organizations.

Comments on the revised draft *National Action Plan to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections: Roadmap to Elimination* should be received no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, June 25, 2012.

Comments are preferred electronically and may be addressed to ohq@hhs.gov. Written responses should be addressed to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Healthcare Quality, 200 Independence Ave, S.W., Room 711G, Washington, D.C. 20201, Attention: Draft National HAI AP. For additional guidance on submitting public comments, please visit the [Federal Register Notice](https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/04/25/2012-9868/solicitation-of-written-comments-on-draft-national-action-plan-to-prevent-healthcare-associated) (<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/04/25/2012-9868/solicitation-of-written-comments-on-draft-national-action-plan-to-prevent-healthcare-associated>) soliciting for public comment released April 25, 2012.