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Dear Colleague,

As you know, healthcare-acquired infections (HAIs) constitute a significant threat to our nation's health. The presence of this threat is felt acutely in Rhode Island, where there are comparably higher rates of HAIs than in other states. The impact of HAIs on the health and well-being of Rhode Islanders cannot be overstated. Come learn how the Rhode Island healthcare community can work together to protect the health of Rhode Islanders through the prevention of HAIs and the promotion of antimicrobial stewardship.

The Rhode Island Department of Health invites you to attend a presentation by Commander Lauri Hicks, DO who is the Director of CDC's Office of Antibiotic Stewardship. Dr. Hicks has been an advocate for appropriate antibiotic use for nearly a decade, and she will share effective and practical ideas for improving and expanding antimicrobial stewardship programs at healthcare facilities.

Save the date!

Thursday, August 25; 8 a.m. - noon
(Breakfast and registration, 7:30 a.m.)
Radisson Hotel, Warwick

Applications for CMEs and CEUs are pending.
Registration information coming soon.

Who should attend?

- Hospital/nursing home executive leadership (clinical and non-clinical)
- Infection prevention specialists
- Quality improvement specialist
- Pharmacists, pharmacy technicians
- Infectious disease physicians
- Laboratorians
- Insurers, third-party payors
- Professional and trade organizations
- State and local government officials

Thank you for your continued dedication to improving healthcare quality in Rhode Island. We look forward to continuing our collaborative work to improve the health of all Rhode Islanders.

Sincerely,

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