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**STATEMENT ON CDC HOSPITAL ACQUIRED INFECTION PROGRESS REPORT**

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Today's report contains some good news for patients but reminds hospitals and clinicians that our work is not done. The quality journey is a marathon, not a sprint; hospitals are not yet at the finish line, but they are on the right track. Hospitals have worked hard to achieve these results but will not be satisfied until we reach zero infections.

Preventing infections is a never-ending process with new challenges and situations emerging every day. Hospitals continue to learn from each other, see what works and implement best practices to improve and promote quality care. The positive results from today's study are the product of this collaboration.

An example of this is our partnership with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) in the national implementation of the "On the CUSP: Stop HAIs" initiative. This initiative has enabled hospitals to make quality and patient safety improvements that are good for patients. Another example is the work of our Hospital Engagement Network (HEN) – a program that in its first two years resulted in better care for more than 69,000 patients, including a 23 percent decrease in central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSIs).

The AHA is working with the CDC and others to support hospital antibiotic stewardship efforts to deter the development of antibiotic-resistant bugs. We will release a tool kit to help our hospital members engage patients and physicians on this topic this summer.

America's hospitals are committed to their patients and communities, and they understand that wiping out preventable infections is part of that commitment.

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