

**144.585 METHICILLIN-RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS CONTROL PROGRAMS.**

In order to improve the prevention of hospital-associated infections due to methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), every hospital shall establish an MRSA control program that meets Minnesota Department of Health MRSA recommendations as published January 15, 2008. In developing the MRSA recommendations, the Department of Health shall consider the following infection control practices:

(1) identification of MRSA-colonized patients in all intensive care units, or other at-risk patients identified by the hospital;

(2) isolation of identified MRSA-colonized or MRSA-infected patients in an appropriate manner;

(3) adherence to hand hygiene requirements; and

(4) monitor trends in the incidence of MRSA in the hospital over time and modify interventions if MRSA infection rates do not decrease.

The Department of Health shall review the MRSA recommendations on an annual basis and revise the recommendations as necessary, in accordance with available scientific data.

**History:** 2007 c 147 art 9 s 17