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IS THIS WHAT INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL SHOULD DO?

DRAFT Elements of Infection Prevention and Control Programs for comment by AICA Members

Dear Member

Since the last member survey in November 2007 considerable work has been undertaken in examining the role of Infection Prevention and Control and Governance within Australia.

In partnership with the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare (the Commission) significant progress has been made towards making a difference to Infection Prevention and Control in Australia. Both AICA and the Commission have been working hard to address many of the issues that were identified in the previous survey.

A number of matters have been refined and work been completed as a result of the 2007 survey. Part of this has been the development of the **DRAFT ELEMENTS OF INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAMS**.

The document addresses the:

- Draft Essential elements of infection prevention and control programs – all healthcare organisations regardless of size, acuity or patient mix
- Draft Specific additional essential elements of infection prevention and control programs according to healthcare organisation size.

It would be great if you could comment on the document. Your responses will be anonymous. AICA assures that the names of respondents will remain absolutely confidential. The de-identified information when collated will be reported back to the Commission and AICA members.

The accompanying reply template has been developed to assist in the process. Please make every effort to submit your response either as an individual, or as part of a group submission (e.g. State / Territory Association/ Health Sector) to: Sylvia.gandossi@symbionhealth.com by **C.O.B. Wednesday 12th November 2008**.

If you require any clarification or further information regarding the document please contact me.

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