

## **What's the Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction Program?**

The HAC Reduction Program encourages hospitals to make patient safety better and reduce the number of hospital-acquired conditions, like pressure sores and hip fractures after surgery.

## **Why's the HAC Program important?**

The HAC Reduction Program saves Medicare approximately \$350 million every year. These savings come from reducing what we pay to hospitals that rank worst among other hospitals for how often their patients get hospital-acquired conditions. We pay the worst-ranking hospitals 99% of what we would've otherwise paid.

## **Hospital-Acquired Conditions**

These 14 categories of HACs listed below include the new HACs from the IPPS FY 2013 Final Rule. For FY 2014 and FY 2015, there are no additional HACs added:

- Foreign Object Retained After Surgery
- Air Embolism
- Blood Incompatibility
- Stage III and IV Pressure Ulcers
- Falls and Trauma
  - Fractures
  - Dislocations
  - Intracranial Injuries
  - Crushing Injuries
  - Burn
  - Other Injuries
- Manifestations of Poor Glycemic Control
  - Diabetic Ketoacidosis
  - Nonketotic Hyperosmolar Coma
  - Hypoglycemic Coma
  - Secondary Diabetes with Ketoacidosis
  - Secondary Diabetes with Hyperosmolarity
- Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection (UTI)
- Vascular Catheter-Associated Infection
- Surgical Site Infection, Mediastinitis, Following Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG):
- Surgical Site Infection Following Bariatric Surgery for Obesity
  - Laparoscopic Gastric Bypass
  - Gastroenterostomy
  - Laparoscopic Gastric Restrictive Surgery
- Surgical Site Infection Following Certain Orthopedic Procedures
  - Spine
  - Neck
  - Shoulder
  - Elbow
- Surgical Site Infection Following Cardiac Implantable Electronic Device (CIED)
- Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)/Pulmonary Embolism (PE) Following Certain Orthopedic Procedures:
  - Total Knee Replacement
  - Hip Replacement
- Iatrogenic Pneumothorax with Venous Catheterization