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TO: Long Term Care Facilities, Hospitals, Diagnostic and Treatment Centers, Clinical Laboratories, Local Health Departments, NYSDOH Regional Epidemiologists, and Wadsworth Center

FROM: NYSDOH Division of Epidemiology, Bureau of Healthcare Associated Infections

**HEALTH ADVISORY:
INVESTIGATIONS OF BURKHOLDERIA CEPACIA INFECTIONS**

Please distribute immediately to the Facility Administrator, Infection Control Department, Infectious Disease Department, Director of Nursing, Medical Director, Director of Pharmacy, Laboratory Service, Purchasing Department, Emergency Department, and all patient care areas.

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) is investigating 9 cases of bloodstream infections with *Burkholderia cepacia* as part of a multistate outbreak. Cases may be associated with intravenous medications or saline flushes from PharmScript or Nurse Assist. The investigation is in its early stages. Until more is known the Department is recommending the following:

- Identify and report any *Burkholderia cepacia* infections from August 1, 2016 through the present until further notice. Cases should be reported to your NYSDOH Regional Epidemiologist.
- Clinical laboratories should hold any *B. cepacia* isolates, pending discussion with and instruction from NYSDOH.

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If you have any questions about this advisory, please call the Bureau of Healthcare Associated Infections at 518-474-1142.