

## MRSA – Do You Know?

MRSA is methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, a type of staph bacteria that is resistant to many antibiotics. In a healthcare setting, such as a hospital or nursing home, MRSA can cause severe problems such as bloodstream infections, pneumonia and surgical site infections.



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## Indiana Attorney General Enforces HIPAA For First Time – Another Lesson for Small Business

State Attorneys General have authority to enforce the privacy and security regulations under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), pursuant to the authority granted under the Health Information Technology for Clinical and Economic Health (HITECH) Act. Shortly after announcing plans to seek legislation requiring stronger protections for personal and financial information, Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller reached a settlement with a dentist in his



state, Joseph Beck, for improperly dumping patient records in violation of state law and HIPAA. The dentist agreed to pay \$12,000 in fines.

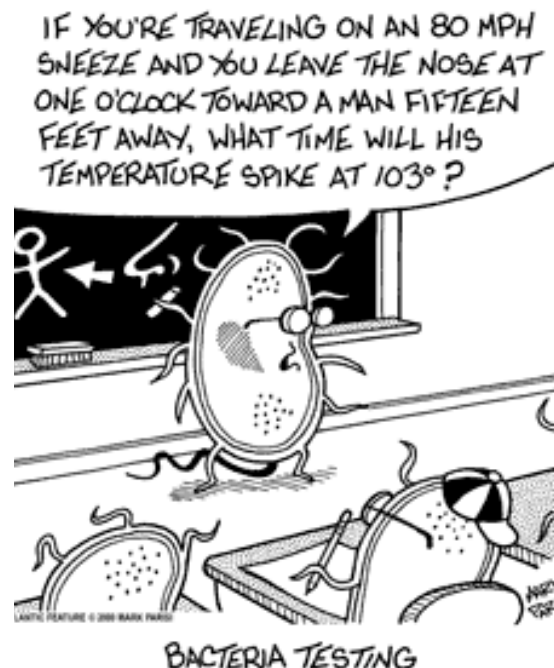
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## EPA to Propose Health Care Facility-Specific Regulations for the Management of Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals Under RCRA

EPA plans to propose new regulations this year to address the management of hazardous waste pharmaceuticals under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The agency anticipates issuing a notice of proposed rulemaking on this issue in June 2015, according to its updated regulatory agenda, the availability of which was announced in the Federal Register on December 22, 2014 (79 Fed. Reg. 76,772).

As with the 2008 proposed rule, the publication of the new proposed rule later this year will likely garner extensive public comments. Unless and until new final regulations are promulgated, generators of hazardous waste pharmaceuticals will continue to be subject to the RCRA Subtitle C generator requirements.

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