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**NEW POSTING NOTICE AND REPORTING FORMS AVAILABLE  
FOR BODILY FLUID & INFECTIOUS MATERIAL EXPOSURES**

The Arizona State Legislature's passage of HB 2476 resulted in minor changes to A.R.S. §23-1043.04 (A-H), the statute that addresses claims involving exposures to Methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), spinal meningitis, and tuberculosis (TB) by certain types of employees such as police officers and firefighters. Specifically, the law now allows up to 30 days after an alleged incident for employees covered by the statute to provide their employer a written report outlining the details of a possible "significant exposure." Previously, the law had required that reporting had to take place within ten days.

In addition, the new law now mandates that for claims involving MRSA, the employee must be diagnosed with the disease within 15 days after the exposure has been timely reported to the employer within the aforementioned 30-day deadline. Previously, the law specified that the diagnosis must be made "within two to ten days of the possible significant exposure."

A new employer posting notice incorporates the changes in the law that went into effect on 7/20/11. This notice should be prominently posted in an area of each workplace that is accessible to and frequented by employees.

The ICA has also posted to its website, a new "Report of Significant Work Exposure to Bodily Fluids or Other Infectious Material" form that is to be utilized to report work-related exposures to bodily fluids, as well as exposures to MRSA, spinal meningitis, and TB.

Electronic copies of the new posting notice and the new bodily fluid exposure reporting form can be accessed under the "Claims" tab on the AMRRP's website at [www.amrrp.org](http://www.amrrp.org) or on the Industrial Commission of Arizona's (ICA's) website at: [www.ica.state.us](http://www.ica.state.us).

For further information about statutory changes brought about by HB 2476, please contact Southwest Risk Services at 602-996-8810 or toll-free at 888-309-4339.