Title:
Sore Throat with Fever

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

a letter be sent to the FDA requesting the 2013 Food Code be amended as follows (language to be added is underlined; language to be deleted is in strikethrough format):

Section 2-201.13

(H) Reinstall a FOOD EMPLOYEE who was EXCLUDED or RESTRICTED as specified under Subparagraphs 2-201.12(H)(1) or (2) if the FOOD EMPLOYEE provides to the PERSON IN CHARGE written medical documentation from a HEALTH PRACTITIONER stating that the FOOD EMPLOYEE meets one of the following conditions:

1. Has received antibiotic therapy for *Streptococcus pyogenes* infection for more than 24 hours, is ASYMPTOMATIC for at least 24 hours, or
2. Has at least one negative throat specimen culture for *Streptococcus pyogenes* infection. The Food Employee provides to the PERSON IN CHARGE written medical documentation from a HEALTH PRACTITIONER stating that the Food EMPLOYEE meets one of the following:

   (a) Has received antibiotic therapy for *Streptococcus pyogenes* infection for more than 24 hours;
   (b) Has at least one negative throat specimen culture for *Streptococcus pyogenes* infection; or
   (c) Is otherwise determined by a HEALTH PRACTITIONER to be free of a *Streptococcus pyogenes* infection.

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CORRECTIONS from the original Issue are noted in red.