

# Health Systems Cooperative Laundries

## A Case Study

**Health Systems Cooperative Laundries (HSCL)** is a non-profit Cooperative Association servicing the laundry needs of Minneapolis-St. Paul (MN) healthcare facilities. It was organized in 1968 by member hospitals in an effort to meet their laundry and linen needs in a cost effective manner. Today, HSCL launders more than 32 million pounds of linen for 19 hospitals and 200 affiliated clinics. HSCL operates out of a 72,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility, outfitted with computerized automation for a more efficient flow of laundry, along with innovative energy efficient washing and drying systems and heat and water reclamation systems.

In January of 2010, HSCL began processing a small number of **HALO Innovation SleepSack® Swaddles** for one of their member hospitals- St. John's in St. Paul, MN. St. John's was an early adopter of Safe Sleep advocacy, committed to modeling a blanket-free environment in their Birth Center and NICU as part of their Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) risk-reduction education for new parents. They partnered with HALO Innovations and HSCL in implementing HALO's Safer Way to Sleep/ Standard of Care Program. This program provides a commercial version of HALO's popular retail SleepSack Swaddle for use in the Nursery and NICU in lieu of receiving blankets, along with free Safe-Sleep, SIDS Risk Reduction literature for parents. Their success paved the way for 13 other Twin Cities birthing hospitals to follow suit. HSCL and HALO worked directly with Nursing to purchase and pool swaddles across the entire co-operative, rather than each individual facility purchasing their own. The Swaddles come in mixed with the general laundry and are sorted at HSCL for processing. This streamlined approach allows HSCL to provide and "serve-up" HALO® SleepSack® Swaddles over 91,000 times per year.

Today, thanks to the vision of their member hospitals and Health Systems Cooperative Laundries' efforts over 32,000 babies each year, nearly every baby born in the Twin Cities area, has a better chance of celebrating their first birthday... and that's something we ALL can celebrate!



### Details of the HSCL/HALO Hospital Program:

# Hospitals- 14

Annual Births- 32,429

Annual HALO Swaddle Servings- 91,049

Estimated Servings/Swaddle (Loss Rate)- 9

Total Projected Cost Premie Size- \$0.33 per serving

Total Projected Cost Newborn Size- \$0.46 per serving

### Product Details:

HALO Item #422- Micro-fleece Swaddle, zippered closure, no-Velcro on wings, cream color, Newborn size

HALO Item #423- Micro-fleece Swaddle, zippered closure, no-Velcro on wings, mint color, Premie size

### Laundering Details:

Sorting- done at HSCL.

Wash Cycle- Milnor 75 lb. Washer, Model #36026V5J.

Chemicals- Sunburst Chemicals, Milnor Wash Formula #14

Dry Cycle- Huebsh Steam Dryer, 75 lbs., Model #HT0755RQQ1G2W01. Medium heat for 20 minutes. 5 minute cool down.