

4658.0800 INFECTION CONTROL.

Subpart 1. **Infection control program.** A nursing home must establish and maintain an infection control program designed to provide a safe and sanitary environment.

Subp. 2. **Direction of program.** A nursing home must assign one person, either a registered nurse or a physician, the responsibility of directing infection control activities in the nursing home.

Subp. 3. **Staff assistance with infection control.** Personnel must be assigned to assist with the infection control program, based on the needs of the residents and nursing home, to implement the policies and procedures of the infection control program.

Subp. 4. **Policies and procedures.** The infection control program must include policies and procedures which provide for the following:

A. surveillance based on systematic data collection to identify nosocomial infections in residents;

B. a system for detection, investigation, and control of outbreaks of infectious diseases;

C. isolation and precautions systems to reduce risk of transmission of infectious agents;

D. in-service education in infection prevention and control;

E. a resident health program including an immunization program and policies and procedures of resident care practices to assist in the prevention and treatment of infections;

F. the development and implementation of employee health policies and infection control practices;

G. a system for reviewing antibiotic use;

H. a system for review and evaluation of products which affect infection control, such as disinfectants, antiseptics, gloves, and incontinence products; and

I. methods for maintaining awareness of current standards of practice in infection control.

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