

## F441 Regulations

### §483.80 Infection Control

The facility must establish and maintain an infection *prevention and* control program designed to provide a safe, sanitary and comfortable environment and to help prevent the development and transmission of *communicable* diseases and infections.

#### §483.80(a) Infection *prevention and* control program.

The facility must establish an infection *prevention and* control program (*IPCP*) that must include, at a minimum, the following elements:

*(1) A system for preventing, identifying, reporting, investigating, and controlling infections and communicable diseases for all residents, staff, volunteers, visitors, and other individuals providing services under a contractual arrangement based upon the facility assessment conducted according to §483.70(e) and following accepted national standards;*

*[As linked to Facility Assessment, §483.70(e), will be implemented beginning November 28, 2017 (Phase 2)]*

*(2) Written standards, policies, and procedures for the program, which must include, but are not limited to:*

*(i) A system of surveillance designed to identify possible communicable diseases or infections before they can spread to other persons in the facility;*

*(ii) When and to whom possible incidents of communicable disease or infections should be reported;*

*(iii) Standard and transmission-based precautions to be followed to prevent spread of infections;*

*(iv) When and how isolation should be used for a resident; including but not limited to:*

*(A) The type and duration of the isolation, depending upon the infectious agent or organism involved, and*

*(B) A requirement that the isolation should be the least restrictive possible for the resident under the circumstances.*

*(v) The circumstances under which the facility must prohibit employees with a communicable disease or infected skin lesions from direct contact with residents or their food, if direct contact will transmit the disease; and*

*(vi) The hand hygiene procedures to be followed by staff involved in direct resident contact.*

*(3) An antibiotic stewardship program that includes antibiotic use protocols and a system to monitor antibiotic use. [§483.80(a)(3) will be implemented beginning November 28, 2017 (Phase 2)]*

*(4) A system for recording incidents identified under the facility's IPCP and the corrective actions taken by the facility.*

*§483.80 (b) Infection preventionist [§483.80(b) and all subparts will be implemented beginning November 28, 2019 (Phase 3)] The facility must designate one or more individual(s) as the infection preventionist(s) (IP)(s)*

*who is responsible for the facility's IPCP. The IP must:*

*(1) Have primary professional training in nursing, medical technology, microbiology, epidemiology, or other related field;*

*(2) Is qualified by education, training, experience or certification;*

*(3) Works at least part-time at the facility; and*

*(4) Has completed specialized training in infection prevention and control.*

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*The individual designated as the IP, or at least one of the individuals if there is more than one IP, must be a member of the facility's quality assessment and assurance committee and report to the committee on the IPCP on a regular basis.*

*[§483.95(c) will be implemented beginning November 28, 2019 (Phase 3)]*

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