

## R9-10-917. Infection Control

An administrator shall ensure that:

1. There are policies and procedures:
  - a. To prevent or control, identify, report, and investigate infections and communicable diseases including:
    - i. Maintaining and storing sterile equipment and supplies;
    - ii. Disposing of biohazardous medical waste; and
    - iii. Transporting and processing soiled linens and clothing;
  - b. That establish work restriction guidelines for a staff member infected or ill with a communicable disease or infected skin lesions;
2. An infection control program is established to prevent the development and transmission of disease and infection including:
  - a. Developing a facility-wide plan for preventing, tracking, and controlling communicable diseases and infection;
  - b. Reviewing the types, causes, and spread of communicable diseases and infections; and
  - c. Developing corrective measures for improvement and prevention of additional cases;
3. Soiled linen and clothing are:
  - a. Collected in a manner to minimize or prevent contamination;
  - b. Bagged at the site of use; and
  - c. Maintained separate from clean linen and clothing;
4. Linens are clean before use, without holes and stains, and are not in need of repair;
5. A staff member and a volunteer washes hands or use a hand disinfection product after each resident contact and after handling soiled linen, soiled clothing or potentially infectious material; and
6. Infection control processes, policies, and information are documented and maintained in the nursing care institution for two years and are provided to the Department for review within two hours of the Department's request.

## Historical Note

Adopted effective October 20, 1982 (Supp. 82-5). Section repealed, new Section adopted effective February 17, 1995 (Supp. 95-1). Section repealed; new Section made by final rulemaking at 9 A.A.R. 338, effective March 16, 2003 (Supp. 03-1).  
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