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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, a tuberculosis program as defined in part [4658.0810](#), 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, including a tuberculosis program as defined in part [4658.0815](#);

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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4658.0805 PERSONS PROVIDING SERVICES.

All persons providing services, including volunteers, with a communicable disease as listed in part [4605.7040](#) or with infected skin lesions must not be permitted to work in the nursing home unless it is determined that the person's condition will permit the person to work without endangering the health and safety of residents and other staff. The employee health policies required in part [4658.0800](#), subpart 4, item F, must address grounds for excluding persons from work and for reinstating persons to work due to a communicable disease or infected skin lesions.

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4658.0810 RESIDENT TUBERCULOSIS PROGRAM.

Subpart 1. **Tuberculosis test at admission.** A resident's clinical record must contain a report of a tuberculin test within the three months prior to admission or within 72 hours after admission, administered in conformance with the general guidelines for surveillance and diagnosis as found in Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), Recommendations and Reports, July 13, 1990, Vol. 39, No. RR-10; "Prevention and Control of Tuberculosis in Facilities Providing Long-Term Care to the Elderly; Recommendations of the Advisory Committee for Elimination of Tuberculosis," as issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This guideline is incorporated by reference. It is available through the Minitex interlibrary loan system. It is not subject to frequent change.

Subp. 2. **Identification; evaluation; treatment.** A nursing home must develop and implement policies and procedures addressing the identification, evaluation, and initiation of

treatment for residents who may have active tuberculosis in accordance with Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), October 28, 1994, Vol. 43, No. RR-13; section II.C. of the "Guidelines for Preventing the Transmission of Mycobacterium Tuberculosis in Health-Care Facilities, 1994," issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, October 28, 1994. This guideline is incorporated by reference. It is available through the Minitex interlibrary loan system. It is not subject to frequent change.

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4658.0815 EMPLOYEE TUBERCULOSIS PROGRAM.

Subpart 1. **Responsibility of nursing home.** A nursing home must ensure that all employees, prior to employment and as otherwise indicated in this part, show freedom from active tuberculosis according to this part. A nursing home must establish a tuberculosis counseling, screening, and prevention program for all employees, in accordance with Morbidity and

Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), October 28, 1994, Vol. 43, No. RR-13; section II.J. of the "Guidelines for Preventing the Transmission of Mycobacterium Tuberculosis in Health-Care Facilities, 1994," issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This guideline is incorporated by reference. It is available through the Minitex interlibrary loan system. It is not subject to frequent change.

Subp. 2. **Tuberculin test.** All employees, unless certified in writing by a physician to have had a positive reaction or other medical contraindication to a standard intradermal tuberculin test, must have an intradermal tuberculin test with purified protein derivative (Mantoux) within three months prior to employment.

Subp. 3. **Written documentation of compliance.** Reports or copies of reports of the tuberculin test or chest X-ray must be maintained by the nursing home.

Subp. 4. **Evaluation of symptoms.** All employees exhibiting symptoms consistent with tuberculosis must be evaluated within 72 hours.

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4658.0820 FOOD POISONING AND DISEASE REPORTING.

Any occurrence of food poisoning or reportable disease as listed in part [4605.7040](#) must be reported immediately to the Minnesota Department of Health, Acute Disease Epidemiology Division, 717 Delaware Street SE, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414 (612-623-5414).

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4658.0850 PENALTIES FOR INFECTION CONTROL RULE VIOLATIONS.

Penalty assessments will be assessed on a daily basis for violations of parts [4658.0800](#) to [4658.0820](#) and are as follows:

A. part [4658.0800](#), \$300;

- B. part [4658.0805](#), \$300;
- C. part [4658.0810](#), \$200;
- D. part [4658.0815](#), subparts 1 and 2, \$200;
- E. part [4658.0815](#), subpart 3, \$50;
- F. part [4658.0815](#), subpart 4, \$300; and
- G. part [4658.0820](#), \$100.

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