72321 – Nursing Service – Patient with Infectious Diseases

(a) Patients with infectious diseases shall not be admitted to or cared for in the facility unless the following requirements are met:

(1) A patient suspected of or diagnosed as having an infectious or reportable communicable disease or being in a carrier state who the attending officer determines is a potential danger, shall be accommodated in a room, vented to the outside, and provided with a separate toilet, hand-washing facility, soap dispenser and individuals towels.

(2) There shall be

(A) Separate provisions for handling contaminated linens.

(B) Separate provisions for handling contaminated dishes.

(b) The facility shall adopt, observe and implement written infection control policies and procedures. These policies and procedures shall be reviewed at least annually and revised as necessary.

(c) The following shall be available in each nurse’s station:

(1) The facility’s infection control policies and procedures.

(2) Name, address and telephone numbers of local health officers.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 208(a) and 1275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 72517. Staff Development.

(a) Each facility shall have an ongoing educational program planned and conducted for the development and improvement of necessary skills and knowledge for all facility personnel. Each program shall include, but not be limited to:

Section 1276, Health and Safety Code.

(b) Each facility shall establish and implement policies and procedures, including but not limited to:

(2) Prevention and control of infections.

(3) Infection control policies and procedures.

(c) Each facility shall have at least the following committees: patient care policy, infection control and pharmaceutical service.

(2) Infection control committee.

(A) An infection control committee shall be responsible for infection control in the facility.

(B) The committee shall be composed of representatives from the following services; physician, nursing, administration, dietetic, pharmaceutical, activities, housekeeping, laundry and maintenance.

(C) The committee shall meet at least quarterly.

(D) The functions of the infection control committee shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Establishing, reviewing, monitoring and approving policies and procedures for investigating, controlling and preventing infections in the facility.

2. Maintaining, reviewing and reporting statistics of the number, types, sources and locations of infections within the facility.