(q) “Nosocomial Infection” means an infection acquired in the Nursing Care Facility.

Section 6. Physical Environment.

(b) Sanitary Environment. The Nursing Care Facility shall establish policies and procedures for investigating, controlling and preventing infections.

(i) Policies, procedures, and techniques shall be regularly reviewed, particularly those concerning food service, laundry practices, and the disposal of environmental and resident wastes.

(ii) A facility policy shall be developed for reporting and monitoring employees with an infection that could be transmitted through usual job duties to residents, their food or laundry.

(iii) The facility shall report the required diseases/conditions to the Wyoming Department of Health, Epidemiology Unit as per W.S. §35-4-107. In addition, those conditions classified as nosocomial where two (2) or more persons, either residents or employees, are affected shall be reported immediately to the State Health Officer, the County Health Officer, and the Licensing Division. The Nursing Care Facility Administrator or his/her designated representative shall furnish all available pertinent information related to such disease or condition to the Licensing Division.

(iv) Inservice education shall be provided for all employees. This shall include the practice of aseptic techniques, such as: handwashing/universal precautions, proper grooming, masking and gowning procedures (for isolation), disinfection and sterilizing techniques, and the handling and storage of resident care equipment and supplies plus decontamination methods.

(A) Continuing education shall be provided to all employees on the cause, effect, transmission, prevention and elimination of infections.

Section 9. Nursing Services. The facility shall have sufficient nursing staff to meet the needs of the residents.

(b) Twenty-four (24) Hour Nursing Service

(ii) Full-time or part-time members of the nursing staff shall be primarily engaged in providing nursing services and only in rare and exceptional circumstances shall be involved in food preparation, housekeeping, laundry or maintenance services. Proper infection control procedures shall be adhered to at all times.

(ii) Preliminary Plans.

(A) One (1) set of preliminary plans; and the functional program and the Infection Control Risk Assessment as required by the “Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities”, approved by the owner, shall be submitted to the Department, for review by the Department or by the Department’s authorized representative, and approval by the Department prior to submitting final plans.