

Prepublication Requirements



Revised Infection Control Chapter

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APPLICABLE TO THE ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

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Infection Prevention and Control (IC) Chapter

IC.04.01.01

The organization maintains and documents an infection prevention and control program for the prevention and control of infections and communicable diseases.

Element(s) of Performance for IC.04.01.01

New EP 1 The organization assigns responsibility for the infection prevention and control program to one or more individuals.
(See also HR.01.01.01, EP 1)

New EP 3 The organization's infection prevention and control program has written policies and procedures to guide its activities and methods for preventing and controlling the transmission of infections and communicable diseases. The policies and procedures are in accordance with applicable law and regulation, nationally recognized evidence-based guidelines, and standards of practice, including the use of standard precautions.
Note: Standard precautions include hand hygiene, environmental cleaning and disinfection, injection and medication safety, use of personal protective equipment (PPE), minimizing potential exposures, and reprocessing of reusable medical equipment or devices. For full details on standard precautions, refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Core Infection Prevention and Control Practices for Safe Healthcare Delivery in All Settings <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/core-practices/index.html>

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New EP 8 The organization provides job-specific infection control education and training to staff.

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New EP 9 The organization provides supplies to support infection prevention and control activities.

Note: Examples of supplies include alcohol-based hand sanitizers, hand soap, personal protective equipment, and cleaning and disinfection supplies.

IC.06.01.01

The organization implements activities for the prevention and control of infections and communicable diseases.

Element(s) of Performance for IC.06.01.01

New EP 1 To prioritize the organization's infection prevention and control activities, the organization identifies risks for infection, contamination, and exposure that pose a risk to residents and staff based on the following:

- Population served
- Care, treatment, and services it provides
- Relevant infection control issues identified by the local, state, or federal public health authorities that could impact the organization

Note: Risks may include organisms with a propensity for transmission within health care facilities based on published reports and the occurrence of clusters of residents (for example, COVID-19, influenza, norovirus).

(See also EC.02.06.05, EP 2)

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New EP 2 The organization reviews identified risks at least annually or whenever significant changes in risk occur.

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New EP 3 The organization implements activities for the prevention and control of infections and communicable diseases, including the use of standard precautions.
(See also NPSG.07.01.01, EP 1)

New EP 6 The organization develops and implements necessary action plans to address infection control issues and improve its infection prevention and control program.

Note: The organization evaluates and revises its plan as needed.

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New EP 8 Staff handle, store, process, and transport linens in accordance with local or state regulations.
