

Infection Control in Assisted Living Facilities

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Objectives

Enhance professional development

To educate on infection control and give examples of practice of why these regulations have been cited

Share with partners additional information



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Infection Prevention and Control Services

- **Written policies and procedures shall be established and implemented regarding infection prevention and control, including, but not limited to, policies and procedures for the following:**



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- **The licensed professional nurse, in coordination with the administrator, shall be responsible for the direction, provision, and quality of infection prevention and control services. The health care services director, in coordination with the administrator, shall be responsible for, but not limited to, developing and maintaining written objectives, a policy and procedure manual, and an organizational plan for the infection prevention and control services.**



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- **Techniques to be used during each resident contact, including handwashing before and after caring for a resident.**



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- Sterilization, disinfection, and cleaning practices and techniques used in the facility, including but not limited to the, the following:
- * Care of utensils, instruments, solutions, dressings, articles & surfaces
- * Selection, storage, use and disposition of disposable and non-disposable resident care items. Disposable items shall NOT be reused
- * Methods to ensure that sterilized materials are packaged, labeled, processed, sterility and to permit identification of expiration dates
- * Care of urinary catheters, intravenous catheters, respiratory therapy equipment, and other devices and equipment that provide a portal of entry for pathogenic microorganisms



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Other Frequently Cited Deficiencies

- **The administering of medications by a Certified Medication Aide.**



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- **The registered professional nurse may choose to delegate the task of administering medication in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:37-6.2 to certified medication aides.**
- **1. A unit-of-use/unit dose drug distribution system shall be developed and implemented whenever the administration of medication is delegated by the registered professional nurse to a certified medication aide.**



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- **The registered professional nurse may choose to delegate the task of administering medication in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:37-6.2 to certified medication aides.**
- **The certified medication aide shall not:**
- **i. Administer any injection other than pre-drawn properly packaged and labeled insulin.**



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Facility Reportable Events

- **The facility shall notify the State Office of the Ombudsman immediately of any suspected or reported resident abuse, neglect, or exploitation of residents aged 60 or older, and shall notify the Department immediately by telephone with respect to residents of any age.**



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Facility Reportable Events

- **Termination of employment of the Administrator or the Director of Nursing, and the name and qualifications of the proposed replacement.**



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Facility Reportable Events

- **Facility becomes financially insolvent and upon filing of a voluntary or involuntary petition for bankruptcy.**



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Facility Reportable Events

- **Physical plant and operational interruptions**
 - Power outage
 - Interruption of Phone/Internet
 - Interruption of water
 - Fire/Smoke/Flood
 - Evacuation
 - Generator test



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Facility Reportable Events

- **All criminal acts that occur within the facility and pose a danger to the life or safety of patients or residents, employees, medical staff or members of the public present in the facility.**
 - Missing items (theft)
 - Medication theft – Drug Diversion



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Facility Reportable Events

- **Any cases of resident physical / sexual abuse**
 - Staff to resident
 - Resident to resident
 - Visitor to resident
- **Suicides or attempted suicides**



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Facility Reportable Events

- **Elopements**
 - An elopement is any resident or client that steps outside of the building without permission or escort
- **Bruises or Injuries of unknown origin**
- **Medication errors**
- **Financial Exploitation**



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Facility Reportable Events

- **Incidents of Epidemic, Infectious and Communicable diseases, and have a system for investigating, evaluating and reporting the occurrence.**
 - Norovirus
 - Scabies
 - Legionella
 - GI Outbreak
 - Respiratory Outbreak



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Facility Reportable Events

- We have additional guidance for other types of outbreaks (gastroenteritis, scabies) in long term care facilities including how those outbreaks are defined. These document can be found on our website at:
- <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/outbreaks.shtml#1>
- As far as reporting of outbreaks – they should be reported immediately (24/7) upon suspicion to the local health department where the facility is located. A directory of local health department can be found at the following link. <https://www.nj.gov/health/lh/> In addition, if a facility is reporting an outbreak after business hours the following link can be used to contact these same local health departments after business hours. https://www.nj.gov/health/lh/documents/lhd_after_hours_emerg_contact_numbers.pdf



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Facility Reportable Events

- An incident should be reported to the Dept. of Health immediately and then the reportable event Form, AAS-45, is to be submitted. Your investigation, summary and conclusion needs to be sent to the department within 5 days after the incident occurs.
- For any incident your investigation should include, what are you reporting, when did it happen, who was involved, where did it happen and how did it happen. Any incident involving a resident, we want to know their cognitive status, assessment and interventions put into place as a result of the incident and the care plan updated to show these interventions. Also were the family and physician informed of the incident.
- If the incident involves a staff member we need to know the status of the employee, initially suspend during your investigation.



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Facility Reportable Events

- **Hotline – 1-800-792-9770**
- **Fax - 609-633-9060**
- **Hippocrates - URL**
<https://hippocrates.nj.gov/access>
- **Email – HFSFO.events@njlincs.net**



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Thank you

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