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Infection Prevention Updates  
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# Survey Process related to Infection Control

- **Mandatory tasks – investigated on every survey (inclusive of Infection Control)**
- **Triggered tasks – investigated if information gathered through observation, interview and record review prompts one of tasks. (Environment, Personal Funds & RAI)**



# Entrance Conference Worksheet: Information needed within four (4) hours

- **Completed matrix for all other residents**
- **Admission packet**
- **Contracts Dialysis / Hospice (if applicable)**
- **Infection control – antibiotic stewardship**
- **QAA committee information**
- **QAPI plan**

# Infection Control CE Pathway

## Infection Prevention, Control & Immunizations

**Infection Control:** *This facility task must be used to investigate compliance at F880, F881, and F883. For the purpose of this task, "staff" includes employees, consultants, contractors, volunteers, and others who provide care and services to residents on behalf of the facility. The Infection Prevention and Control Program (IPCP) program must be facility-wide and include all departments and contracted services. If a specific care area concern is identified, it should be evaluated under the specific care area, such as for pressure ulcers, respiratory care, catheter care, and medication pass observations which include central lines, peripheral IVs, and oral/IM/respiratory medications.*

### Coordination:

- One surveyor coordinates the facility task to review for:
  - The overall Infection Prevention and Control Program (IPCP);
  - The annual review of the IPCP policies and practices;
  - The review of the surveillance and antibiotic stewardship programs; and
  - Tracking influenza/pneumococcal immunization of residents.
- Team assignments must be made to include the review of:
  - Laundry services;
  - A resident on transmission-based precautions, if any;
  - Five sampled residents for influenza/pneumococcal immunizations; and
  - Other care-specific observations if concerns are identified.
- Every surveyor assesses IPCP compliance throughout the survey and communicates any concerns to the team.

### Hand Hygiene:



# Changes to the Infection Control Facility Task

- Personal protective equipment
- Transmission-based precautions
- Laundry Services
- Policies and procedures
- Surveillance •
- Antibiotic Stewardship
- Influenza and Pneumococcal Immunizations

# 21 Federal Regulatory Groups for Long Term Care Facilities

- **Resident Rights**
- **Freedom from Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation**
- **Admission Transfer and Discharge Rights**
- **Resident Assessment**
- **Comprehensive Person-Centered Care Planning**
- **Quality of Life**
- **Quality of Care**
- **Physician Services**
- **Nursing Services**
- **Behavioral Health Services**
- **Pharmacy Services**
- **Laboratory Services**
- **Dental Services**
- **Food and Nutrition Services**
- **Specialized Rehabilitative Services**
- **Administration**
- **Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement**
- **Infection Control**
- **Compliance and Ethics Program**
- **Physical Environment**
- **Training Requirements**





# New LTCSP-deficiency summary

## Top 10 of 2017

- 1. F281/(F658)
- 2. **F441/(F880,881, 882, 883)**
- 3. F371/(F812, F813))
- 4. F323/(F689)
- 5. F431/(F761)
- 6. F309/(F697, F698, F744)
- 7. F425/(F755)
- 8. F279/(F639, F656)
- 9. F278/ (F641, F642)
- 10. F514/(F842)

## Top 10 of 2018 1<sup>st</sup> quarter

- 1. **F880/ (F441)**
- 2. F658/(F281)
- 3. F812/ (F371)
- 4. F656/(F279)
- 5. F755 / (F425)
- 6. F761/(F431)
- 7. F684/(F309)
- 8. F689 /F323)
- 9. F641 / (F278)
- 10. F758/ F329 & F428)

# Background/Benefit to the Residents

- F441- frequently cited
- 1.6-3.8 million healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) in nursing homes every year
- 40 to 75 percent of antibiotics prescribed are potentially inappropriate

# New F Tags

- Regulatory Group: Infection Control **F Tags**
- F880: Infection Prevention and Control (“OldF441”)•§483.80 (a)(1-2)(4)(e-f)
- F881: Antibiotic Stewardship Program (New)•§483.80 (a)(3)
- F882: Infection Preventionist Qualifications/Role (New)•§483.80 (b-c) **Phase 3; 11/28/2019**
- F883: Influenza and Pneumococcal Immunizations (“OldF334”)•§483.80 (d)



# F880: Overview of Changes to Regulatory Language

- Regulatory language added emphasis on a system for identifying and reporting of infections and communicable diseases
- The IPCP applies to residents, staff, volunteers, visitors, and contractors
- Based upon the facility assessment and national standards

# F880: Overview of Changes to Regulatory Language

- Facility Assessment; F 838
- Ensuring staff are aware of policies and procedures
- Surveillance
- Reporting
- Standard and Transmission-based Precautions
- Isolation (added emphasis on considering the appropriateness and least restrictive use) Annual review of the IPCP and update as needed

# F880: Overview of Changes in Interpretive Guidance

- Antibiotic Review has been moved to F881
- Policies and Procedures are reviewed annually and incorporate facility risk assessment.

# F880: Overview of Changes in Interpretive Guidance

- Medical Device Safety -----Point of Care Devices (fingerstick devices –single user, Blood glucose meters)
- Safe Medication
- Administration -----Insulin Pens, SDV, MDV
- Standard & Isolation -----Hand Hygiene, PPE, Respiratory hygiene, and cough etiquette

# Blood Glucose Meters

- How should blood glucose meters be cleaned and disinfected?
- Dedicated or multi-patient use?
- EPA-registered disinfectant
- Identified deficient practices can rise to immediate jeopardy





# F880- Severity Level 4

- **Non-Compliance:**  
Immediate Jeopardy to Resident Health or Safety Facility staff failed to handle soiled linens using safe and sanitary techniques.







# Resources

- CMS Appendix PP
- Long Term Care Survey Process(LTCSP) Procedure Guide
- **The Quality, Safety & Oversight Letters (formerly known as *Survey and Certification Letters*)**  
**[www.cms.gov](http://www.cms.gov)**