

Infection Control in Adult Care Homes

Section 1

Infection Control Training in Adult Care Homes

Objectives

- Describe the incidence of infection in long-term care facilities.
- Explain the importance of House Bill 474, 2011-2012 Session.
- List the requirements of House Bill 474, 2011-2012 Session.
- Describe infection control training developed for adult care homes staff.

Infections in Long-Term Care

- In the United States, residents get 1.5 million infections in long-term care facilities each year
- Equals about one infection per resident per year
- These infections can be **PREVENTED**

Hepatitis B

- Hepatitis B – infection that is of great concern for the adult care home caused by the Hepatitis B Virus
- Hepatitis B virus spread by blood and other body fluids
- One way virus spreads is through unsafe practices during blood sugar monitoring
- Growing problem with multiple outbreaks each year

House Bill 474

- An Act to Protect Adult Care Home Residents
- Response to an increase in infections in adult care homes in North Carolina
- Passed 2011 by North Carolina General Assembly (2011-2012 Session) and signed by Governor Beverly Perdue
- Resulted in current legislation G.S. 131D4.4A, 131D4.4B and 131D4.5B and 131D4.5C

Adult Care Home Requirements

- Written infection control policy
- Monitor staff for compliance with infection control policy and address non-compliance
- Update written infection control policy as necessary
- Designate one on-site staff member to direct infection control activities and ensure that all staff are trained in the infection control policy

Adult Care Home Requirements

- Report suspected communicable disease outbreaks to health department
- Ensure medication aides have met infection control training requirements
- Ensure supervisors complete annual infection control training

Infection Control Training

- 1st Section – House Bill 474 overview
- 2nd Section – overview of infection
- 3rd and 4th Sections – strategies, activities, and skills directed at general infection control
- 5th Section – bloodborne pathogens and infection control