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Title 42: Public Health

PART 418—HOSPICE CARE

Subpart C—Conditions of Participation: Patient Care

§418.60 Condition of participation: Infection control.

The hospice must maintain and document an effective infection control program that protects patients, families, visitors, and hospice personnel by preventing and controlling infections and communicable diseases.

(a) *Standard: Prevention.* The hospice must follow accepted standards of practice to prevent the transmission of infections and communicable diseases, including the use of standard precautions.

(b) *Standard: Control.* The hospice must maintain a coordinated agency-wide program for the surveillance, identification, prevention, control, and investigation of infectious and communicable diseases that—

(1) Is an integral part of the hospice's quality assessment and performance improvement program; and

(2) Includes the following:

(i) A method of identifying infectious and communicable disease problems; and

(ii) A plan for implementing the appropriate actions that are expected to result in improvement and disease prevention.

(c) *Standard: Education.* The hospice must provide infection control education to employees, contracted providers, patients, and family members and other caregivers.

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