



SENIOR & LONG TERM CARE DIVISION

COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU

Medicaid Hospice Policy Manual

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Section: ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES
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INFECTION CONTROL

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

PREVENTION

The hospice must follow accepted standards of practice to prevent the transmission of infections and communicable diseases, including the use of standard precautions.

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:
 - a. A method of identifying infectious and communicable disease problems; and
 - b. A plan for implementing the appropriate actions that are expected to result in improvement and disease prevention.

EDUCATION

The hospice must provide infection control education to employees, contracted providers, members, and family members and other caregivers.