



INFECTION PREVENTIONIST TEAM

Infections can cause patients serious illness, or even death. In fact, on average approximately 75,000 people die each year from healthcare associated infections (HAI's); yet half of all HAI's are preventable. As a medical provider you need to ensure you are doing everything possible to prevent the spread of infection, both to insure patient health and to meet CMS guidelines entitling you to be fully reimbursed by Medicare.

While many organizations have implemented guidelines, standards and processes to address and mitigate infections, system-wide support for these protections is often lacking. Front line staff, clinicians and managers are often overburdened with other demands, education and training may be unavailable and a structure that provides oversight or processes may be lacking. That reality is troublesome to healthcare professionals and Infection Preventionists who work diligently to protect patients.

The Beacon Solutions Group Infection Preventionist Team is available to assist any healthcare provider in its efforts to guarantee the necessary safeguards are in place to deliver care that meets regulatory standards. Our approach meets the CMS Requirements of Participation which is more stringent than other accrediting requirements.

Regardless of your provider type, infection prevention is essential and our assessments of policy and practice will identify exposure in many areas including: staff education, hand hygiene, injection practices and sharps safety, personal protective equipment, linen handling, cough etiquette, single use devices, environmental infection control (shower, therapy, other treatment rooms, and food preparation areas), handling of cultures, infection outbreak, TB screening, vaccinations, antimicrobial stewardship, dental and oral surgery, non-regulated waste handling/disposal, catheter and vascular access and dialysis stations. We will identify your vulnerabilities and will assist you in establishing or enhancing best practices.

Beacon's expertise lies in most acute, post acute, and outpatient settings. This includes, but is not limited to, ambulatory surgery centers (ASC), hospitals, long term care and rehabilitation facilities, medical and dental practices, dialysis providers, residential living providers, and adult day health care.

WHAT WE DO

- **Onsite Assessment.** Our team will come to your facility to conduct a comprehensive review of all areas of your current operations. We evaluate your existing infection prevention program, its policies, and conduct a risk assessment with recommendations for revision of plans. We will provide education to key personnel regarding the revised/ new infection prevention program.
- **Remote assistance with HAI surveillance and "interim support".** We will monitor your infection control efforts through remote access to your EHR and assist in your compliance with CMS and state-mandated infection reporting requirements. We also provide interim management and support to the IP role when vacancy occurs.
- **Develop or update existing HAI prevention education programs.** Once we have developed your individualized education program our trainers will work with your employee to ensure they are educated and proficient in your infection prevention plan and policies. We develop tools and materials that you can use to effectively train new employees or provide periodic re-education.
- **"Mock Survey", QAPI Plan development, Plan of Correction assistance and directed Plan of Correction.** Beacon's team can provide consultative oversight to your internal program as well as develop audits that will allow you to self-evaluate the program's efficacy and drive quality improvement initiatives as they pertain to infection control.

The Beacon Solutions Group Infection Preventionist Team will use evidence-based strategies and individualize our consulting services to address your organization's specific issues, identify ways to mitigate infection risks, and provide guidance and ongoing support that supports you in making timely and meaningful improvements.

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