

## **449.74473 Program for control of infections**

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**4.**

Linens must be handled, stored, processed and transported in a manner which prevents the spread of infection.

**5.**

The medical records of each patient in the facility must include documentation that the patient has been tested for tuberculosis in accordance with the provisions of NAC 441A.380.