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Chapter 61@ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

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Subchapter 61-17@ STANDARDS FOR LICENSING NURSING HOMES

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Sec2 61-17.1700@ INFECTION CONTROL AND ENVIRONMENT

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Section 61-17.1700.1701@ General (II)

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A.

Staff practices shall promote conditions that prevent the spread of infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases and provide for the proper disposal of toxic and hazardous substances. These preventive measures and practices shall be in compliance with applicable regulations and guidelines of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, for example, the Bloodborne Pathogens Standard; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for example, Immunization of Health-Care Workers: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and the Hospital Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee; and R.61-105; and other applicable state, federal, and local laws and regulations.

B.

There shall be an infection control/QI committee that meets at least annually to address infection control issues consisting of the medical director and representatives from at least administration, nursing, dietary, and housekeeping staff to assure compliance with this regulation regarding infection control.

C.

There shall be a tuberculosis infection control program per CDC guidelines. A facility licensed nurse shall be designated at each facility to coordinate the tuberculosis infection control program.