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§418.60(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—

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

Interpretive Guidelines §418.60(b)(1)

Examples of infection control practices that the hospice may use include monitoring work related employee illness and infections, analyzing them in relation to patient infections, and taking appropriate actions when an infection or communicable disease is present to prevent its spread among staff, patients, family and visitors.

Surveillance data should be routinely reviewed and monitored. Appropriate corrective actions need to be taken based on the data analysis. The hospice must use this information as a part of its QAPI program.
