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**§483.460(a)(3) The facility must provide or obtain preventive and general care**

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The facility has procedures in place to ensure that the clients receive general health care services to assure optimal levels of wellness. General health care services include assessment and treatment of acute and chronic complaints or situations; teaching relevant health care principles to staff and clients; and periodic surveillance of the health status of the clients.

As a result of clinical assessment, referrals are made for specialized assessment and tests. Facility health care staff follow-up to ensure the assessments are done and the findings incorporated into the medical care plan and/or the IPP.

The facility must have arrangements in place to provide routine or episodic laboratory, and radiology services for the clients if not provided in-house or through the clients physician. There must be a written agreement that specifies the responsibilities of the facility and outside provider. (See §483.410(a)).

Preventive health care services include screening procedures designed to identify health concerns and initiate treatment as early as possible. The facility should have a health prevention program in place and follow the plan to address those screenings that the facility will perform periodically that are relevant to all clients, and those screenings associated with a particular gender or age or vulnerability.

Physician refusal to perform a test, such as a pap smear, must be consistent with guidelines for clients, per the local standard in the community.

If the facility has a physician that refuses to provide preventative healthcare based on the client's level of functioning, medical staff at the facility should meet with and consult with this physician in order to ensure that clients receive the same health services as persons living in the local community.

Current recommended screenings for men and women can be accessed at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

**§483.460(a)(3) as well as annual physical examinations of each client that at a minimum include the following:**