

Infection Prevention & Control Audit



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Addressing One of the Industry's Top Challenges

With healthcare-associated infections causing significant pain and discomfort for residents and, often, adverse consequences, CMS is stepping up nursing facility survey activity in this area. In fact, infection control remained the number one tag cited in 2021 for skilled nursing facilities.

To help you avoid potential penalties, or even a Directed Plan of Correction, PharMerica's Nurse Consultants offer targeted reviews on site.

Financial penalties start at \$5,000 for one isolated instance and rise to \$20,000 per day for multiple, widespread instances.

A Focused Program for Fewer F-Tags

PharMerica's specially-trained Nurse Consultants – who must successfully complete the CMS IP course – provide comprehensive audits to evaluate your facility's infection control efforts and compliance with F-880 through F-887* requirements.

> **Part 1: Infection Control Program**

- **F-880: Infection and Control Program (IPCP)**
- **F-881: Antibiotic Stewardship Program**
- **F-882: Infection Preventionist Qualifications/Role**
- **F-883: Influenza and Pneumococcal Immunizations**

> **Part 2: COVID Infection Control Requirements (Coming soon!)**

- **F-884: Reporting – National Health Safety Network**
- **F-885: Reporting – Residents, Representatives, and Families**
- **F-886: COVID-19 Testing – Residents and Staff**
- **F-887: COVID-19 Immunization**

**At this time, the audit does not include F-888*



> Improving Safety, Reducing Risk

During the audits, our Nurse Consultants rely on the CMS IPC & Immunization tool when performing a comprehensive range of activities, including:

- On-site assessment and monitoring of IPCP, with recommended QAPI to address identified concerns
- Review of IPCP standards, policies, and procedures
- Assessment of housekeeping and laundry services
- Review of and guidance on infection surveillance
- Guidance on influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations
- Education, monitoring, and screening of staff (remote or on-site)
- Assessment of documented water management system
- Review of environmental cleaning and disinfection

“She went over all of our IPCP policies and procedures, did lots of observations, and went out on the floor ... ”

– Meagan Saxe, RN, Infection Preventionist, Bonham Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

> Integrating Audits in Your Facility’s Consulting Services

Each Part 1 infection prevention and control audit takes between 6 and 8 hours, depending on the size of your facility. To best meet your needs, we can either incorporate an audit into your contract hours, or add it as a stand-alone incidental service.

For more information or to schedule an audits, contact your Account Manager.



"Instead of it being an anxiety-filled experience, we were able to have a third party come in that many of the staff are familiar with and receive constructive feedback on what they can do better."

– Edwin Alvarez, Infection Preventionist, Country Oaks Care


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