

# Prepublication Requirements

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## Revised Infection Control (IC) Chapter

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**Please note:** Where applicable, this report shows current standards and EPs first, with deleted language struck-through. Then, the revised requirement follows in bold text, with new language underlined.

### APPLICABLE TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

Effective July 1, 2025

## Infection Prevention and Control (IC) Chapter

### IC.04.01.01

The organization establishes processes for the prevention and control of infections and communicable diseases.

#### Element(s) of Performance for IC.04.01.01

**New EP 3** The organization has policies and procedures that are in accordance with applicable law and regulation, nationally recognized evidence-based guidelines, and standards of practice, including the use of standard precautions.

**Note:** Standard precautions include hand hygiene, environmental cleaning and disinfection, injection and medication safety, use of personal protective equipment (PPE), minimizing potential exposures, and reprocessing of reusable medical equipment or devices. For full details on standard precautions, refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Core Infection Prevention and Control Practices for Safe Healthcare Delivery in All Settings <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/core-practices/index.html>.

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**New EP 9** The organization provides supplies to support infection prevention and control activities.

**Note:** Examples of supplies include alcohol-based hand sanitizers, hand soap, personal protective equipment, and cleaning and disinfection supplies.

**IC.06.01.01**

The organization implements activities for the prevention and control of infections and communicable diseases.

**Element(s) of Performance for IC.06.01.01**

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**New EP 1** To prioritize the infection prevention and control program's activities and determine what resources are necessary for the program, the organization identifies risks for infection, contamination, and exposure that pose a risk to individuals served and staff based on the following:

- Care, treatment, and services it provides
- Relevant infection control issues identified by the local, state, or federal public health authorities that could impact the organization

**Note:** Risks may include organisms with a propensity for transmission within health care and residential facilities (for example, norovirus, respiratory syncytial virus [RSV], influenza, COVID-19).

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**New EP 2** The organization reviews identified risks at least annually or whenever significant changes in risk occur (for example, in response to local infectious diseases outbreaks).

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**New EP 3** The organization implements activities for the prevention and control of infections and communicable diseases, including the use of standard precautions.  
(See also NPSG.07.01.01, EP 1)

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**New EP 6** The organization develops and implements action plans when infection control issues arise, including non-adherence with infection control policies and procedures.  
**Note:** The organization evaluates and revises its plan as needed.

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**New EP 8** Staff handle, store, process, and transport linens in accordance with local or state regulations.

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