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HEALTH CARE SERVICES DIRECTIVE-YOUTH SERVICES Manual of Policies and Procedures				

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Legal References (includes but is not limited to) IC 11-8-2-5	Related Policies/Procedures (includes but is not limited to) 01-02-101	Other References (includes but is not limited to) National Correctional Healthcare Standard
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I. PURPOSE:

This Health Care Services Directive (HCSD) describes the required components of the Infection Control Program.

II. GUIDELINES:

- A. Each facility must identify an Infection Control Nurse who chairs the InfectionControl Committee (ICC). This committee, which meets at least quarterly, monitors the presence and transmission of infections in the facility, with specialattention to nosocomial and reportable infections. In large facilities, representation at the ICC must include representatives from the facility administration and major health care disciplines such as medical, nursing, and dental. In small facilities, ICC activities may be accomplished in concert with other facility-specific meetings as long as infection control is specifically addressed. The infection control nurse shall ensure that there are systems in place to include surveillance, prevention, and control of communicable illnesses. This nurse shall ensure that patients receive health care in a clean, safe, and healthy environment.
- B. The ICC shall monitor the implementation of all infection control practices including the *Tuberculosis (TB) Surveillance and Control Plan*. These practices shall include but not limited to hand hygiene, proper handling and disposal of infectious waste, proper isolation procedures, instruction to patients, proper handling of patient care equipment, and cleaning/disinfection practices.
- C. At Intake facilities the ICC shall monitor the reception screening addressing sexually transmitted illnesses (STIs) and communicable illnesses. This monitoring shall include a review of statistical reports so that trends and problems can be identified.

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- D. The ICC shall, through the Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Committee, arrange periodically for the CQI Committee to review the provision of appropriate immunizations within the facility.
- E. The ICC shall, from time to time, review the provision of care to those with serious infectious diseases, including HIV, TB, and Hepatitis diseases.
- F. The ICC shall review the provision of care regarding annual influenza control plan, and the facility pandemic plans.
- G. The ICC shall ensure that reportable diseases are reported.
- H. The Dental Services unit shall establish it's own facility directive or written guidelines describing dental infection control practices and shall report to the ICC.
- I. The ICC shall periodically review the manner in which the facility manages infectious waste.
- J. When problems are identified, the ICC shall work to identify solutions and monitor implementation for success.
- K. The findings of the ICC shall be reported to the local CQI Committee and forwarded to the Health Services vendor's regional CQI Committee.

III. APPLICABILITY:

This HCSD is applicable to all facilities providing Health Services to youth.

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