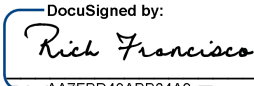




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I. POLICY

It is the policy of HealthWest to require Care and Service Providers to demonstrate practices which prevent or minimize the occurrences of infections in staff and persons receiving services.

II. APPLICATION

All Care and Service Providers of HealthWest.

III. DEFINITIONS

A. Prevention of Infection

Use of mechanisms designed to reduce the probability of an individual acquiring an infection.

B. Control of Infection

Use of activities designed to hinder the transmission of disease.

C. Risk

The probability of an event occurring.

D. Surveillance of Infection

Continuous scrutiny of all aspects of occurrence and transmission of infection/disease.

IV. PROCEDURE

A. HealthWest Staff will assure contract language/Provider Manual includes Payor requirements for infection control.

B. HealthWest delegates responsibility for compliance with all applicable infection prevention and control requirements to its Contracted Providers. Contracted Providers are responsible for ensuring their employees and any subcontractors comply with all applicable HealthWest contract requirements, Medicaid requirements, and federal, state, local, licensing, and regulatory infection control standards.

C. HealthWest monitors compliance with infection prevention and control requirements through verification of required infection prevention and control training for provider staff through per the provider service agreement.

D. Consequence(s) for Non-Compliance:

Network/designated HealthWest staff will:

1. Notify of non-compliance and request plan of correction with specific timeframes.
2. Review plan of correction actions until compliant.
3. May withhold payment or terminate contract.

VI. REFERENCES

CARF: Behavioral Health Standards Manual
MIOSHA/OSHA Standards
Life Safety Code NFPA 101-1999
Department of Health and Human Services Licensing Requirements
Other HealthWest Policies/Procedures

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