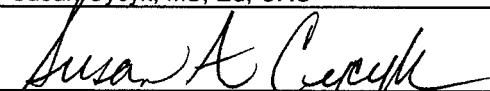




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ADM 003	SURVEILLANCE, PREVENTION, AND CONTROL OF INFECTIONS		
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PURPOSE

It is the intent of the Division of Child Mental Health Services to establish a policy requiring that those individuals, and agencies providing services through the Division establish policies and operational procedures to address the surveillance, prevention, and control of infections in their service delivery environments.

POLICY STATEMENT

It is the expectation of the Division of Child Mental Health Services that all service providers develop and implement policies and procedures for: (1) the surveillance and identification of infections, and (2) infection control, as appropriate for each provider's level of care.

Such policies and operational procedures are to include:

A. Prevention

- 1) identification of and implementation of universal precautions
- 2) methods of food storage and preparation, to comply with public health standards
- 3) specific procedures for the protection of others from infectious sources, protection of the source individual from further illness, and client re-entry to a service following an infectious disease
- 4) staff training on infection control policies and procedures
- 5) immunization status
- 6) employee health issues
- 7) procedures in identification and reduction of endemic and epidemic infections

B. Tracking

- 1) procedures for tracking of nosocomial infections
- 2) procedures for and methods of data collection, analyses for effectiveness of intervention strategies, and outcome

C. Reporting

Each service provider will designate a qualified staff member to oversee the entire surveillance and infection control program. This individual will gather data from staff and report to DCMHS on the incidence of infectious disease, interventions used, and outcome. Reports will be submitted to the DCMHS Safety Committee on a quarterly basis.

DEFINITIONS

Nosocomial Infection:	An infection that is identified as occurring from within the organization itself.
Endemic:	An illness that occurs in a particular population.
Epidemic:	An illness that occurs in a particular geographical area.
Biohazardous Waste:	Waste containing blood or body fluids.