New OBRA Infection Protection Regulations and 2010 Flu Preparations

OVERVIEW

Last fall CMS issued new surveyor instructions for OBRA F441 on Infection Prevention and Control. The new F441 emphasizes and expects a systematic and organized approach to infection control. Under the new enforcement guidelines, a facility can be cited for a violation because of an inadequate protection program, even if there are no negative outcomes. Additionally, in the surveyor instructions for F441, CMS cites examples of Immediate Jeopardy violations, including inadequately disinfecting glucometers; failure to restrict a staff member with infection; and inadequately investigating an outbreak of gastrointestinal illness.

Aside from a CMS goal of reducing the spread of nosocomial (institutional) infections, the new guidelines re-emphasize the government’s ongoing concern about potential outbreak of seasonal and pandemic influenza.

This seminar will review the regulatory, medical and practical aspects of Infection Prevention and Control. An expert team of Cook County physicians, board certified in Infectious Disease, will discuss the regulatory implications of F441, the medical aspects of the latest infectious diseases and multi-resistant strains, and the latest practical steps facilities can take to prepare for the upcoming flu season.

At the start of this year’s flu season, this presentation is critical and timely, and relevant for facility medical directors and physicians, nurses, quality assurance managers, and each facility’s F441-required “infection preventionist.” This presentation will be geared toward facilities in the Chicago Metro area; IHCA had presented F441 downstate in a webinar earlier this year.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Understand the OBRA requirements for a systematic facility approach to Infection prevention and control
- Review the latest treatment information on infectious disease and multi-resistant strains
- Define practical steps facilities can take to protect residents and staff in the upcoming flu season

FACULTY

Deborah Burdsall, MSN, is Infection Preventionist for Lutheran Life Communities, with three nearly four decades of working in long term care.

Steven Weber, MD, is the Chief of Epidemiology for the University of Chicago Medical Center.

Robert Weinstein, MD, is the Department Chair of Medicine at Stroger Medical Center.

Susan Gerber, MD, is the Associate Medical Director for the Cook County Department of Health.

LOCATION

Tuesday, October 5, 2010
8:30 to 11:30 AM—Check-in at 8:00 AM
Skokie Holiday Inn
5300 West Touhy, Skokie 60007

Tuesday, October 5, 2010
1:30 to 4:30 PM—Check-in at 1:00 PM
Oak Lawn Hilton Hotel
9333 South Cicero, Oak Lawn 60453

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Illinois nursing home administrators, social workers, and nurses will earn 3.0 clock hours of continuing education from the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation for attending. Physician continuing medical credits will be arranged through the University of Chicago Medical School.

REGISTER FOR THIS ILLINOIS COUNCIL SEMINAR ONLINE at:
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Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at the Oak Lawn Hilton Hotel, 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM

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Seminar Fees:  Non-Members: $165.00         Council / IHCA members: $105 each

THE CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION is September 28. No registrations will be accepted at the door. Registrations received after the closing date are $245 for non-members and $165 for members. Cancellations will be accepted and refunds will be issued ONLY when the Council receives a phone call or fax by 9:00 a.m. the DAY BEFORE the seminar.

REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT PAYMENT.
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