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### **§482.42(b) Standard: Responsibilities of Chief Executive Officer, Medical Staff, and Director of Nursing Services**

The chief executive officer, the medical staff, and the director of nursing must--

- (1) Ensure that the hospital-wide quality assessment and performance improvement (QAPI) program and training programs address problems identified by the infection control officer or officers; and
- (2) Be responsible for the implementation of successful corrective action plans in affected problem areas.

#### **Interpretive Guidelines §482.42(b)**

The chief executive officer (CEO), the medical staff and the director of nursing (DON) must ensure that the hospital-wide Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement (QAPI) program and staff in-service training programs address problems identified through the infection prevention and control program.

To reflect the importance of infection control the regulations specifically require that the hospital's QAPI and training programs must be involved in addressing problems identified by the infection control program, and hold the CEO, medical staff and DON jointly responsible for linking the infection control program with the QAPI and training programs. Requirements for the hospital's QAPI program are found at 42 CFR 482.21.

These hospital leaders are also held explicitly responsible for implementing successful corrective action plans. In order to accomplish this, hospital leaders must monitor adherence to corrective action plans, as well as assess the effectiveness of actions taken, with implementation of revised corrective actions as needed.

Education on the principles and practices for preventing transmission of infectious agents within the hospital should be provided to anyone who has an opportunity for contact with patients or medical equipment, e.g., nursing and medical staff; therapists and technicians, such as those involved in respiratory, physical, and occupational therapy and radiology and cardiology services; phlebotomists; housekeeping and maintenance staff; volunteers; and all students and trainees in healthcare professions.

#### **Survey Procedures §482.42(b)**

- Determine whether the hospital's QAPI program and staff in-service training programs address problems identified by the infection control officer(s).
- Determine whether infection control problems identified are reported to the Medical

Staff, CEO and DON. Verify that hospital leadership takes steps to assure that corrective actions are implemented and successful.