**Pest Control**

**Date Implemented:**

**Review/Updated Date:**

**Policy**

It is essential for infection prevention and control programs that long-term care centers maintain an environment that is free from pests and rodents.

**Procedures**

Organizations must develop policies and procedures for an effective pest control program. Generally, organizations contract with outside services to provide an effective program including but not limited to bait stations, traps, and sprays. Effective interventions against pests and rodents may include internal and external methods.

If staff, residents, and/or visitors note an increased presence of pests and rodents they shall notify the building maintenance department or designee. Coordination with the building’s pest control contractor will be implemented to correct an increase in pests or rodents.

In addition to an ongoing pest control program, the environmental services department will provide effective housekeeping measures to ensure that the environment is free from noted attractants to pests and rodents, including quick identification of spills, outdated food items in resident/common areas, and overall cleanliness of the building.

The dietary department will also ensure that effective cleaning methods are implemented to assist with pest and rodent control.

**Resources**

CMS. (2017, Nov. 2). *State Operations Manual, Appendix PP – Guidance to Surveyors for Long Term Care Facilities, F925*. <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/GuidanceforLawsAndRegulations/Downloads/Appendix-PP-State-Operations-Manual.pdf>