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**INTENT**

This policy is intended to ensure the facility develops a plan that describes the process for conducting Quality Assurance Performance Improvement/Quality Assessment and Assurance (QAPI/QAA) activities, such as identifying and correcting quality deficiencies as well as opportunities for improvement. This in turn will lead to improvement in the lives of the facility’s residents, through continuous attention to quality of care, quality of life, and safety.

**POLICY**

The Quality Assessment and Assurance (QAA) Committee will report to the facility’s governing body, or designated person(s) functioning as a governing body regarding its activities, including implementation of the Quality Assurance Performance Improvement (QAPI) Program.

**PROCEDURE**

The committee will:

1. Develop and implement appropriate plans of action to correct identified quality deficiencies.
2. Regularly review and analyze data, including data collected under the QAPI program and data resulting from drug regimen reviews
3. Act on available data to make improvements.
4. The facility will maintain a QAA Committee consisting, at a minimum, of:
	1. The Director of Nursing Services
	2. The Medical Director or his/her designee
	3. At least 3 other members of the facility’s staff, at least one of whom must be the administrator, owner, a board member, or other individual in a leadership role.
	4. The Infection Preventionist (IP) or designee
		1. The IP is responsible for reporting on the IPCP and on HAIs identified under the program on a regular basis. Reporting may include, but is not limited to, facility process and outcome surveillance, outbreaks (ongoing and any since last meeting) and control measures, occupational health communicable disease illnesses (e.g. TB, influenza), and the antibiotic stewardship program (ASP) related to antibiotic use and resistance data.
5. The QAA Committee will report to the facility’s governing body, or designated person(s) functioning as a governing body regarding its activities, including implementation of the QAPI Program.
6. The QAA Committee will:
	1. Meet at least quarterly, and as needed, to coordinate and evaluate activities under the QAPI Program, such as identifying issues with respect to which quality assessment and assurance activities, including performance improvement (PI) projects required under the QAPI program, are necessary.