IMMUNIZATION OF ADULT PERSONS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

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This Standard of Practice is made under the authority of section (4)(1)(e) of the Community Care and Assisted Living Act (CCALA), which provides that the Director of Licensing may:

(e) specify policies and standards of practice for all community care facilities or a class of community care facilities…

Relevant Legislation:

CCALA - Standards to be Maintained
7(1) A licensee must do all of the following:...

(b) operate the community care facility in a manner that will promote the health, safety and dignity of persons in care....

Residential Care Regulations – Operations
49(1) A licensee must require all persons admitted to a community care facility to comply with the Province’s immunization and tuberculosis control programs.

Standard of Practice:

1. Licensees of Community Care Facilities must:
   a. Review the immunization status of each person in care upon admission, and regularly thereafter.
   b. Keep clear and up-to-date records of the immunization status of each person in care.
   c. Provide information to persons in care regarding the benefits of immunization including pneumococcal, annual influenza and tetanus-diphtheria if appropriate.
   d. Consult with the Medical Health Officer of their health authority with respect to vaccine programs which should be offered to persons in care.
e. Develop a care plan, to include individual outbreak prevention and control policies, for each resident on admission.

f. Develop general facility outbreak prevention and control policies as recommended by the health authority’s Medical Health Officer.