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CES-1 DSC CLINICAL ENVIRONMENTS STANDARD

Environmental Services Contractor Requirements

For ambulatory surgery centers, medical office buildings, dialysis, urgent care, dental, behavioral health, laboratory, imaging and infusion facilities.

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1 · INTRODUCTION

What a healthcare environmental services contractor should be required to prove

Most ambulatory facilities have no written requirement for their cleaning contractor. CES-1 sets one. It draws on the CDC Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control in Health-Care Facilities, the CMS infection-control surveyor worksheet for ambulatory surgical centers, and the OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standard. Facilities may copy it into a solicitation or contract without attribution.

Procedure rooms are inspected, terminal cleaning is observed, and the surveyor asks whether the people doing the work are trained and documented. CES-1 turns those questions into contract language a facility can hold any environmental services contractor to, and verify without taking the contractor's word for it.

What CES-1 covers

CREDENTIALS	National healthcare environmental services certification for technicians and the on-site lead.
PROTOCOLS	A written cleaning and disinfection protocol for every room type, approved by the facility.
PRODUCTS	EPA-registered disinfectants with the facility's required label claims, used at labeled contact time.
VERIFICATION	Daily signed terminal-clean logs and ATP surface testing on an agreed schedule.
DOCUMENTATION	An exposure-control plan, a site compliance file and a monthly report to the facility.

How to use it

- Copy Section 2 into the scope of work of your next solicitation or contract renewal.
- Set the facility-specific details: the ATP sampling schedule, the infection-control designee who approves protocols, and the recipients of the monthly report.
- Ask each bidder to submit evidence with the proposal: current certificates for the proposed team, a sample room protocol, a sample monthly report and the exposure-control plan.
- After award, review the site compliance file at any time and before each survey.

Scope. CES-1 sets requirements for the environmental services contractor. The facility's designated infection-prevention professional directs the infection-control program.

2 · SPECIFICATION LANGUAGE

Environmental Services Contractor Requirements

The ten requirements below may be copied as written into a solicitation, scope of work or contract.

01 **CREDENTIALS**

Technicians assigned to the facility hold the Certified Health Care Environmental Services Technician (CHEST) credential from the Association for the Health Care Environment, or earn it within 90 days of assignment.

02 **CREDENTIALS**

The contractor’s on-site lead holds the CHEST credential at assignment.

03 **PROTOCOLS**

The contractor maintains a written cleaning and disinfection protocol for each room type, based on the CDC Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control in Health-Care Facilities and approved in writing by the facility’s infection-control designee before service begins.

04 **PRODUCTS**

Disinfectants are EPA-registered, carry the label claims the facility specifies, and are applied at labeled contact time. No product is substituted without the facility’s written approval.

05 **VERIFICATION**

Procedure rooms receive terminal cleaning daily, documented and signed per room, per day.

06 **VERIFICATION**

The contractor performs ATP surface verification on a sampling schedule agreed with the facility, recleans and retests any failed point within the same shift, and reports results monthly.

07 **SAFETY**

The contractor maintains an exposure-control plan under OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1030, documents bloodborne pathogens training at hire and annually, and offers hepatitis B vaccination to assigned staff.

08 **DOCUMENTATION**

The contractor maintains a site compliance file containing the items above, safety data sheets, PPE and spill-kit inventory and background clearances, and produces it on request.

09 **REPORTING**

The contractor delivers a monthly report to the administrator and the infection-control designee covering shifts completed, terminal cleans completed against scheduled, ATP pass rate, complaints and response times, and the certification status of the assigned team.

10 **SCOPE**

The contract states in writing that the contractor does not handle regulated medical waste, sharps, specimens, medications or instrument reprocessing.

3 · SOURCES

References

CES-1 draws on the following. Facilities should apply the current edition of each.

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control in Health-Care Facilities.
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Infection control surveyor worksheet for ambulatory surgical centers.
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Bloodborne Pathogens Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1030.
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Registered antimicrobial (disinfectant) products and label directions for use.
- Association for the Health Care Environment. Certified Health Care Environmental Services Technician (CHEST) credential.

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