



# Practice Briefs

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## **I am in charge of Infection Control (IC) in a long term care facility. I've heard about IC Risk Assessments. Is an Infection Control Risk Assessment necessary?**

Yes, a formal risk assessment for healthcare acquired infections (HAI) should be implemented. This is now required according to the Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Reform of Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities (2016)<sup>1</sup>. The proposed language specifically cites “requirement for the facility to perform a facility – specific assessment of their resident population and facility in regard to addressing HAI.”

1. Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Reform of Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities. A Rule by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on 10/04/2016. Retrieved from <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/10/04/2016-23503/medicare-and-medicaid-programs-reform-of-requirements-for-long-term-care-facilities#citation-5-p68845>

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