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ADVISORY

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Compliance with this advisory	It is mandatory for approved accrediting agencies to implement this Advisory Transition between the old and new clinical care standard to be fully implemented by 31 December 2021
Information in this advisory applies to	All approved accrediting agencies All health service organisations
Key relationship	NSQHS Preventing and Controlling Infections Standard Antimicrobial Stewardship Clinical Care Standard (2020) Advisory 18/08: Antimicrobial Stewardship and Surgical Prophylaxis
Attachment	Nil
Notes	Advice on implementing the 2020 Antimicrobial Stewardship Clinical Care Standard Following release of the amended 2021 Preventing and Controlling Infections Standard, changes to this advisory are related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updated number formatting of the actions throughout the NSQHS Standards• Update of the name and numbering of Preventing and Controlling Infections Standards actions
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PURPOSE:

To clarify the requirements for the transition between the 2014 and the 2020 Antimicrobial Stewardship Clinical Care Standards.

ISSUE:

The 2021 Preventing and Controlling Infections Standard of the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards includes an action on antimicrobial stewardship, which states:

Action 3.18: The health service organisation has an antimicrobial stewardship program that:

- a. Includes an antimicrobial stewardship policy
- b. Provides access to, and promotes the use of, current evidence-based Australian therapeutic guidelines and resources on antimicrobial prescribing
- c. Has an antimicrobial formulary that includes restriction rules and approval processes
- d. Incorporates core elements, recommendations and principles from the current Antimicrobial Stewardship Clinical Care Standard

The Antimicrobial Stewardship Clinical Care Standard was first published in 2014, and was updated in 2020. The quality statements and indicators from the clinical care standard are used by health service organisations as evidence of compliance with Action 3.18d at assessment (see Advisory 18/08: Antimicrobial Stewardship and Surgical Prophylaxis).

REQUIREMENTS:

Health service organisations will transition to using the 2020 Antimicrobial Stewardship Clinical Care Standard by 31 December 2021.

Until 31 December 2021, assessors will accept evidence of implementation of either the 2014 or the 2020 Antimicrobial Stewardship Clinical Care Standard as evidence of compliance with Action 3.18d.

From 1 January 2022, assessors will only accept data from the 2020 Antimicrobial Stewardship Clinical Care Standard as evidence of compliance with Action 3.18d.