

Specification of Competency Standards
for the Elderly Care Service Industry
Unit of Competency

Functional Area - Common

Title	Perform Protective Measures Against Fecal-Oral Transmitted Diseases (Such as Drinking Water)
Code	110902L2
Range	This Unit of Competency is applicable to practitioners who provide community care services in the elderly care service industry. The application requires performing a range of tasks in predictable and structured working environments, and its execution requires understanding abilities and interpretation skills. Practitioners should be able to execute appropriate protective measures against fecal-oral transmitted diseases, according to the organization's infection control guidelines, in order to ensure the elderly persons are protected from infection.
Level	2
Credit	2 (For Reference Only)
Competency	<p>Performance Requirements</p> <p>1. Relevant knowledge on the protective measures against fecal-oral transmitted diseases (such as drinking water)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the organization's infection control guidelines • Understand the basic knowledge on communicable diseases, such as: chain of infection, source of infection, route of transmission, and the relationship between the pathogen and host, etc. • Understand the principles of common fecal-oral transmitted diseases, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bacteria on hands can contaminate water/food ○ E. coli can be spread through drinking water/food, etc. • Understand the diseases and pathogens that can be spread through fecal-oral transmitted diseases, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ingesting too much water/food infecting with E. coli can cause diarrhea ○ Ingesting water/food with Vibrio cholerae can cause vomiting and diarrhea ○ Use of bacteria infected containers, etc. • Understand the protective measures against fecal-oral transmitted diseases, and their scope of application <p>2. Perform protective measures against fecal-oral transmitted diseases (such as drinking water)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Execute the organization's protective measures against fecal-oral transmitted diseases according to the organization's infection control guidelines, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Select fresh and quality assured ingredients ○ Utilize regulated water sources, tap water, bottled drinking water with a legal license, etc. ○ Correctly use water dispensers, regularly clean and disinfect the nozzles and buttons ○ Disinfect water/food, such as: use heat to disinfect water and food, etc. ○ Appropriately store water/food, such as: store water in clean containers and change it regularly, store raw and cooked food separately, etc. ○ Separate utensils for handling raw and cooked food, such as: cutting boards or knives, etc. ○ Thoroughly wash and cook food before consumption ○ Utilize the correct disinfection methods on containers for storing water/food, such as; thermal or chemical disinfection ○ Ensure the environment is clean and hygienic, such as: rooms, kitchens, toilets, etc. ○ Appropriately handle vomit and excretions

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Perform hand hygiene procedures, such as: before eating, after going to the toilet, before touching the elderly persons, after touching the elderly's items, before touching food and utensils, etc. ○ If the food handle feels unwell, immediately inform the senior and avoid working ● Report to medical professionals, Department of Health's Center for Health Protection, and notify the Social Welfare Department as necessary <p>3. Exhibit professionalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strictly comply with the organization's infection control guidelines to prevent the spread of communicable diseases ● Attend to the elderly's anxiety and fear of communicable diseases, and provide appropriate explanations and compassion
Assessment Criteria	<p>The integrated outcome requirements of this Unit of Competency are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Able to correctly execute the protective measures to prevent the contact and spread of fecal-oral diseases (such as drinking water), according to the organization's infection control guidelines, in order to ensure that the elderly persons are protected from infection.
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