



This checklist will assist you in ensuring your policy contains all **REQUIRED INFANT SAFE SLEEP POLICY ELEMENTS** for certification.

✓	Infant Safe Sleep Policy Checklist
	<p>Be a policy and not a procedure <i>NOTE: We recognize some hospitals only maintain policies for federal requirements. In this instance, we will accept a Standard of Care Document.</i></p>
	Be dated, including revision dates if appropriate
	Display approval signatures or e-signatures
	Include definitions of terms specific to SIDS/SUID.
	Reference the recent American Association of Pediatrics Policy Statement on “SIDS and Other Sleep-Related Infant Deaths: Updated 2016 Recommendations for a Safe Infant Sleeping Environment”
	<p>Clearly outline standard of care for the unit to ensure infant safe sleep on all units caring for patients under one year of age:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies may list the general standard of care on well-baby units, noting exceptions on high acuity units • Alternatively, policies may list care specifically by each unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Of note is that any instance where unsafe sleep may be observed, the policy notes family/caregiver education
	<p>Include NAS and Skin to Skin Care (all points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If there are separate policies in this regard, they must be referenced in the safe sleep policy and submitted with the certification application • If the hospital does not care for NAS infants, please note with your submission narrative (see narrative requirements)
	<p>Clearly outline family/caregiver education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education must include all elements of the AAP recommendations that will not be observed during the infant’s length of stay. • Non-compliance should also be addressed including documentation, education, and any other changes in care (i.e., use of pulse oximeters, or removal of blankets and pillows from mother’s bed).