

**H**ealth care professionals charged with assessing and selecting a textile service provider for their facility have a singular goal: To ensure the laundry provider follows the

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workers in areas exposed to soiled linen (washers, sorters, drivers). Are they wearing appropriate PPE?

**14** Is there a program addressing occupational safety and health (e.g., exposure control plans, etc.)?

**15** What about continued training? What programs exist for continued education regarding safety, laundry operations, pack processes, and other processes, Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Training, etc.?

**16** Note: HLAC's current standard's manual devotes an entire section that addresses facility and process elements unique to the presence of surgical pack assembly.

**10** Informational signage should be everywhere. For example, regarding the handling of chemicals, is safety information and signage readily accessible to personnel? Are contaminated linen areas clearly marked?

**14** What are the procedures when personnel are exposed to hazards (e.g., biological, chemical, mechanical, etc.)? Ask employees for an explanation of those procedures.

**12** What are the hand-washing and hand-hygiene procedures?

**13** Are all personnel protected adequately? What are the provisions and procedures for personal protective equipment (PPE) and attire? Observe

#### The Process

**17** What is the facility's procedures and policies regarding the handling and collection of soiled health care textiles? Are these in accordance with relevant regulations?

**18** Functional separation is key to the process: How does the provider maintain and ensure the se,