



Requirements for Participation in the Accreditation Process

Organizations that meet eligibility are surveyed to determine their compliance with the following requirements:

The full text for the requirements is listed in their entirety in the Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Home Care (CAMHC). Your organization receives a copy of the CAMHC free of charge, upon receipt of your application and deposit. To purchase a copy prior to submitting your application, or to purchase additional copies, please visit www.jcrinc.com.

Accreditation Participation Requirements (APR)

All organizations who participate in the accreditation process must meet certain defined requirements that promote and ensure the credibility of the survey process.

For example,

APR 2 Requires that an organization promptly notify The Joint Commission of any changes to the information provided in the application for accreditation.

APR 3 Requires an organization to permit the performance of a survey.

National Patient Safety Goals (NPSG)

The purpose of The Joint Commission's National Patient Safety Goals (NPSG) is to promote specific improvements in patient safety. The goals highlight problematic areas in health care and describe evidence-based and expert-based consensus to solutions to these problems. Organizations providing care, treatment and services relevant to these goals are responsible for implementing the applicable requirements.

For example,

NPSG 3 Requires organizations to adopt and implement a list of prohibited abbreviations that have been frequently shown to be associated with medical errors.

NPSG 7 Requires organization to comply with the CDC or World Health Organization hand hygiene guidelines to reduce the incidence of health care-associated infections.

Standards & Elements of Performance

A **Standard** is a *statement* that defines the performance expectations that must be in place for an organization to provide safe and high-quality care, treatment, and service.

The **Elements of Performance** are *specific performance expectations associated* with each standard. Elements of Performance are evaluated and used to determine an organization's overall compliance with a standard.

For example,

HR 2.10 The organization provides initial orientation.

EP 5 Staff orientation addresses specific job duties and responsibilities and service, setting, or program-specific job duties and responsibilities related to safety and infection control.

The organization must demonstrate compliance with the element of performance in order to meet the expectation of the standard.