



APPROVED: Adverse Event Reporting for New York Office-Based Surgery Practices

Effective immediately, The Joint Commission is required to collect adverse event data from all Joint Commission–accredited **office-based surgery practices** in New York State. Details of this change follow.

In July 2007, New York State passed a law requiring office-based surgery practices to become accredited on or before **July 14, 2009**, by a nationally recognized accrediting agency, as designated by the New York State Commissioner of Health. As reported in the March 2008 issue of *The Joint Commission Perspectives*[®], the New York State Commissioner of Health named the Joint Commission as a designated accrediting agency subject to the terms and conditions described in the agreement between the New York State Department of Health and the Joint Commission. The agreement specifies that the Joint Commission must collect adverse event data (as defined by the Department) from its accredited office-based surgery practices.

The adverse events that must be reported to the Joint Commission include the following:

- Patient death within 30 days of the office-based surgery procedure
- Unplanned transfer to a hospital
- Unscheduled hospital admission within 72 hours of the office-based surgery procedure, for longer than 24 hours
- Any other serious or life-threatening event

Joint Commission–accredited office-based surgery practices located in New York State will be asked to sign an addendum to their Accreditation Contract, which will provide the details of this new requirement. Practices will receive an e-mail notification once the addendum has been posted to their *Joint Commission Connect*[™] extranet site. Please contact your account representative at 630/792-3007 if you have further questions. 