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Accreditation

PDA accreditation decision rule changes

The Joint Commission has eliminated one rule and revised one rule for the Preliminary Denial of Accreditation (PDA) decision:

- The PDA07 rule which resulted after an organization received a Conditional Accreditation decision on two consecutive full surveys has been eliminated.
- The PDA06 rule related to the organization having a license, certificate or permit has been changed. In some situations, an organization does not have a required license, certificate or permit at the time of survey. For example, an organization may not be aware that its license, certificate, or permit has expired, or that its state requires a license, certificate or permit. As soon as an organization becomes aware of the need for a license, certificate or permit it takes action to get one or is able to provide proof of application during the clarification process. Instead of receiving a PDA decision, the organization will now receive an Accreditation decision pending the receipt of an acceptable Evidence of Standards Compliance showing that the organization has obtained its license, certificate or permit. The Requirement for Improvement will remain in the survey report so that The Joint Commission can be assured that the organization has a process in place to ensure that licenses, certificates or permits will be acquired or renewed in a timely fashion in the future.

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Clarification about respiratory care orders (Updated Oct. 30)

Two Joint Commission elements of performance (see below) address respiratory care for hospitals that use Joint Commission accreditation for deemed status purposes. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires a doctor of medicine or osteopathy to direct respiratory care services. Furthermore, CMS requires a doctor of medicine or osteopathy to order respiratory services, but does not limit the authority of a doctor of medicine or osteopathy to delegate tasks to other qualified health care personnel to the extent recognized under state law or a state's regulatory mechanism. Therefore, non-physician practitioners may write respiratory care orders provided it is within the scope of their license. However, if a doctor of medicine or osteopathy delegates responsibility for writing orders to an eligible non-physician practitioner (such as a physician assistant or nurse practitioner), the responsible doctor of medicine or osteopathy must co-sign the order.

LD.04.01.05 EP 7: For hospitals that use Joint Commission accreditation for deemed status purposes: A qualified doctor of medicine or osteopathy directs the following services:

- Anesthesia
- Nuclear Medicine
- Respiratory Care

PC.02.01.03 EP 14: For hospitals that use Joint Commission accreditation for deemed status purposes: Respiratory services are provided only on, and in accordance with, the orders of a doctor of medicine or osteopathy.

New on the Web! NPSG 7 webinar on health care-associated infections

To help organizations prepare for and understand how to meet the requirements of National Patient Safety Goal 7, The Joint Commission has developed a complimentary education program, [Health Care-Associated Infections, From the Bedside to the C-Suite](#). No registration is required and the program is available for viewing at any time. The webinar provides information about:

- Reducing HAIs by complying with NPSG.07.03.01 (multi-drug resistant organisms), NPSG.07.04.01 (central line-associated bloodstream infections), NPSG.07.05.01 (surgical site infections).
- Understanding how these three NPSGs, the Infection Prevention and Control chapter standards, and the Leadership chapter standards work together to help organizations put systems in place to reduce HAIs.
- The role infection prevention and control plays in high reliability organizations.

By January 1, 2010, accredited organizations are expected to be in full compliance with the three NPSGs pertaining to HAIs (NPSG.07.03.01, NPSG.07.04.01, and NPSG.07.05.01). Introduced in January 2009, the three HAI-related NPSGs included a one-year phase-in period with defined expectations (or milestones) for planning, development, and testing at three, six and nine months during 2009 for the ambulatory, critical access hospital, home care, hospital, long term care, and office-based surgery programs. (Contact: Kelly Fugate, kfugate@jointcommission.org)

Performance measurement

New Perinatal Care core measure set available April 1, 2010

Beginning with April 1, 2010 discharges, a new set of “Perinatal Care” core measures will be added to the existing complement of measure sets from which hospitals may select to meet their ORYX core measure data reporting requirements. This new set will replace the “Pregnancy and Related Conditions” core measure set which is being retired effective March 31, 2010. As with the other core measure sets, the new Perinatal Care measures are available for hospitals in meeting their core measure reporting requirements, but The Joint Commission will not require data collection for that particular set of measures. The selection of measure sets remains at the discretion of the hospital based on patient populations served and services provided. The measure set includes: elective deliveries, Cesarean sections, antenatal steroids, health care-associated bloodstream infections in newborns, and exclusive breast milk feeding. A [technical advisory panel](#), comprised of 10 experts in the perinatal care field, was convened in February 2009 to select the replacement set of measures. The measures were selected from among those identified by the National Quality Forum (NQF) through its Perinatal Care Project and that were endorsed by the NQF in October 2008. (Contact: Frank Zibrat, fzibrat@jointcommission.org)

Patient safety

New! Speak Up coloring book about infection control

A Speak Up coloring book called “Stay well and keep others well” is now available to help children learn how to prevent infection. The brochure talks about hand washing, covering your nose when you sneeze, covering your mouth when you cough, staying home if you are sick, and getting a flu shot. The coloring books are available for free download on The Joint Commission [Web site](#). Organizations can download and print as many copies as they would like to distribute to patients. (Contact: Caron Wong, cwong@jointcommission.org)



Joint Commission Resources

Home Care Executive Briefings: Attend in person or via video

This year's Home Care Executive Briefing, to be held November 4, 2009, at The Joint Commission Central Office in Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., allows attendance in person or virtually through live or archived streaming video. The briefing will provide new information that leaders need to stay up-to-date as well as an opportunity to discuss the critical issues surrounding quality and safety for home care providers. The briefing will help you:

- Understand how accreditation can be a valuable resource in effectively addressing changing industry trends and patient expectations.
- Learn about changes to the Periodic Performance Review (PPR) and survey process.
- Determine how the enhanced survey process will affect your organization.
- Use resources related to the National Patient Safety Goals to determine areas of potential patient risk or organizational risk, and liability.
- Identify effective strategies for complying with challenging standards.
- Explain how Lean and Six Sigma tools can be implemented at your organization to achieve and sustain improvement and enhance return on investment.

Expand your learning experience by attending the Home Care Accreditation Primer and Home Care Accreditation Essentials seminars to be held November 1-3. For more information or to register, click on the seminars referenced below or call Joint Commission Resources Customer Service toll free at (877) 223-6866. The Home Care Essentials seminar is also available via live or archived streaming video. Visit the JCR [Web site](#) for more information about live or archived streaming video.

[November 1, 2009 – Home Care Accreditation: A Primer for Beginners](#)

[November 2-3, 2009 – Home Care Accreditation Essentials](#)

[November 4 – Home Care Executive Briefing](#)

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Improve your hospital's accreditation performance

In December, Joint Commission Resources is offering two programs to help hospitals improve their accreditation performance. Both face-to-face seminars will be held at The Joint Commission Central Office in Oakbrook Terrace, Ill.

[Joint Commission Resources Hospital Accreditation: A Primer for Beginners](#): Basic information about the accreditation process for hospitals is presented by JCR Consultant Norma Kay Sprayberry, R.N., M.S.N. Participants will learn about the accreditation process step-by-step, get answers to questions, find out how non-compliance with accreditation participation requirements can impact the survey outcome, and become knowledgeable about the wealth of information available to you instantly on the Joint Commission and JCR Web sites. To register for this program, call Customer Service at 877-223-6866 or go to the JCR Web site.

December 2, 2009 Program code: 09054 Program fee: \$199 per registrant

[Joint Commission Resources Hospital Accreditation Essentials](#): This two-day program is led by JCR Consultants Norma Kay Sprayberry, R.N., M.S.N., and Shari L. Mantini, R.N., M.A. They will provide a comprehensive look at the accreditation process, standards, and National Patient Safety Goals for the hospital program. They will share experiences and successful implementation strategies observed during surveys and consultations. Find out how to meet the four elements of performance related to qualified staff receiving and recording verbal orders. Get ideas and tools to help your organization comply with the hospital standards. To register, call Customer Service at 877-223-6866 or go to the JCR Web site.

December 3-4, 2009 Program code: 09055 Program fee: \$679 per registrant
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