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### Standards Revisions for the ASC Deemed Program

**Applicable to Ambulatory Surgical Centers**

**Effective Immediately**

**Environment of Care (EC)**

**Standard EC.02.02.01**
The organization manages risks related to hazardous materials and waste.

**Elements of Performance for EC.02.02.01**

**C 14.** For ambulatory surgical centers that elect to use The Joint Commission deemed status option: The ambulatory surgical center checks radiology staff, according to time frames it defines, for radiation exposure, using exposure meters or badge tests. The dates of the checks and amount of exposure are documented. 

Note: For more information on 42 CFR 482.26, refer to “Appendix A: §482.26 Condition of Participation: Radiologic Services.”

**A 15.** For ambulatory surgical centers that elect to use The Joint Commission deemed status option: The radiologic services, including ionizing radiology procedures, are free from hazards for patients and staff.

Note: For more information on 42 CFR 482.26, refer to “Appendix A: §482.26 Condition of Participation: Radiologic Services.”

**Human Resources (HR)**

**Standard HR.02.01.03**
The organization grants initial, renewed, or revised clinical privileges to individuals who are permitted by law and the organization to practice independently.

**Elements of Performance for HR.02.01.03**

**A 37.** For ambulatory surgical centers that elect to use The Joint Commission deemed status option: A full-time, part-time, or consulting radiologist who is a doctor of medicine or osteopathy qualified by education and experience in radiology supervises ionizing radiology services.

Note: For more information on 42 CFR 482.26, refer to “Appendix A: §482.26 Condition of Participation: Radiologic Services.”

**C 38.** For ambulatory surgical centers that elect to use The Joint Commission deemed status option: The radiologist who supervises ionizing radiology services interprets only those tests that are determined by the medical staff members to require a radiologist’s specialized knowledge.

Note: For more information on 42 CFR 482.26, refer to “Appendix A: §482.26 Condition of Participation: Radiologic Services.”

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Key: **A** indicates scoring category A; **C** indicates scoring category C; **D** indicates that documentation is required; **M** indicates Measure of Success is needed; **I** indicates an Immediate Threat to Health or Safety; **S** indicates situational decision rules apply; **D** indicates direct impact requirements apply; **R** indicates an identified risk area.
Leadership (LD)

**Standard LD.04.01.05**
The organization effectively manages its programs, services, or sites.

**Element of Performance for LD.04.01.05**

A13. For ambulatory surgical centers that elect to use The Joint Commission deemed status option: If radiologic services are provided by the ambulatory surgical center, the governing body must appoint an individual qualified in accordance with state law and organizational policies who is responsible for making certain that all radiologic services are provided in accordance with law and regulation.

*Note: The Joint Commission elements of performance that relate to laws and regulations for radiologic services are outlined in the ambulatory surgical center crosswalk on E-dition.*

Provision of Care, Treatment, and Services (PC)

**Standard PC.02.02.01**
The organization coordinates the patient’s care, treatment, or services based on the patient’s needs.

**Element of Performance for PC.02.02.01**

A15. For ambulatory surgical centers that elect to use The Joint Commission deemed status option: The ambulatory surgical center has procedures for obtaining radiological services from a Medicare approved facility in order to meet the patient’s needs. Radiologic services may only be provided when they are integral to procedures offered by the ambulatory surgical center.