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Revisions to Deemed-Program Requirements for Critical Access Hospitals

**Applicable to Critical Access Hospitals**

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**Medical Staff (MS)**

**Standard MS.01.01.01**
Medical staff bylaws address self-governance and accountability to the governing body.

**Element of Performance for MS.01.01.01**

A 13. The medical staff bylaws include the following requirements, in accordance with Element of Performance 3: Qualifications for appointment to the medical staff.

**Note:** For rehabilitation and psychiatric distinct part units in critical access hospitals: The medical staff must be composed of doctors of medicine or osteopathy. In accordance with state law, including scope of practice laws, the medical staff may also include other categories of physicians as listed at 482.12(c)(1) and nonphysician practitioners who are determined to be eligible for appointment by the governing body.

Key: **A** indicates scoring category A; **C** indicates scoring category C; **яет** indicates that documentation is required; **M** indicates Measure of Success is needed; **‡** indicates an Immediate Threat to Health or Safety; **‡‡** indicates situational decision rules apply; **‡‡‡** indicates direct impact requirements apply; **‡‡‡‡** indicates an identified risk area.