Revised accreditation decision processes for organizations undergoing resurvey

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| Accreditation with Follow-up Survey (AFS)   | The Accreditation Committee of the Board of Commissioners made all AFS decisions. This could cause delays in making the accreditation decision and corrective follow-up actions. | • The Joint Commission’s chief medical officer makes AFS decisions. Exceptions may be presented to the Accreditation Committee for action.  
• Organizations receive notice of the AFS decision within 10 business days of the accreditation survey.  
• A follow-up survey is conducted within approximately four months. | Reduces time between an accreditation survey and the rendering of a final accreditation decision.                                                            |
| Preliminary Denial of Accreditation (PDA)   | PDA decisions were made when an organization’s patients were at risk for a serious, adverse outcome. Because subsequent improvements by the organization were not considered in the PDA decision-making process, there was little incentive for organizations in PDA status (and on track for Denial of Accreditation) to expedite the resolution of problems – potentially leaving patients at risk. | • All corrective evidence of standards compliance (ESCs) are due within 45 days of the organization being notified of the PDA recommendation.  
• After the ESC is accepted, a follow-up survey is conducted to validate that the organization has implemented the improvements.  
• If all the RFIs that resulted in the PDA are resolved, staff will recommend that the accreditation history reflect a “time limited” PDA decision. In addition, the current accreditation status will be upgraded to Accreditation with a Follow-up Survey. This includes a second follow-up survey.  
• If the organization does not resolve all the RFIs that resulted in the PDA, staff will recommend that the organization receive a PDA decision and continue toward Denial of Accreditation. | Patient safety is safeguarded. |