FSA Submission Now Required for Additional Accreditation Programs

Critical Access Hospitals and Nursing Homes to Submit Self-Assessment as of January 2014

In November 2012, The Joint Commission launched the Intracycle Monitoring (ICM) Profile workspace on the Joint Commission Connect™ extranet site for accredited organizations (see October 2012 Perspectives, page 10). The launch included the replacement of the Periodic Performance Review (PPR) with the Focused Standards Assessment (FSA), a tool that allows organizations to focus their self-assessment on a minimum subset of risk-related standards (about 45% to 60% of total applicable standards) rather than all standards as required by the former PPR.

Beginning in February 2013, FSA submission as a component of the ICM Profile became a requirement for organizations accredited under the ambulatory care, behavioral health care, home care, hospital, and laboratory programs. Organizations accredited under the critical access hospital, nursing home, and office-based surgery programs could access the ICM and FSA for self-assessment purposes but were not required (or able) to submit an FSA.

As of January 1, 2014, critical access hospitals and nursing homes (including those accredited as Medicare/Medicaid–certified long term care organizations) will be required to submit the FSA. While office-based surgery practices will still be able to use the FSA as a self-assessment tool, they will continue to not be required (or able) to submit an FSA.

This new submission requirement will be included in the 2013 Update 2 to the comprehensive accreditation manuals for critical access hospitals and nursing homes as well as their fall 2013 E-dition® updates. Questions about the ICM process and FSA submission may be directed to intracycle@jointcommission.org.