Home Health Requirements
Updated to Maintain Alignment with CMS

In response to revisions to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Conditions of Participation (CoPs) for home health, The Joint Commission will begin surveying deemed-status home health agencies to updated home health regulatory requirements effective January 13, 2018.

Background
On January 13, 2017, CMS published the final rule “Medicare and Medicaid Program: Conditions of Participation for Home Health Agencies.”1 This final rule revised CoPs for home health agencies and was to be effective July 13, 2017. On July 10, 2017, CMS published revisions to the final rule in the Federal Register and delayed implementation of the final rule to January 13, 2018.2

CMS has reviewed a majority of The Joint Commission’s standards changes, which will be implemented on January 13, 2018. Any additional changes based on CMS’s continued review of The Joint Commission’s standards will be published at a future release.

The final standards changes will be posted on The Joint Commission’s website at https://www.jointcommission.org/standards_information/prepublication_standards.aspx and in an E-dition® update scheduled for January 13, 2018 (the revised CoPs will appear in the home health crosswalk in this E-dition update as well). In addition, these revisions will be published in the 2018 Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Home Care.

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References