**UPDATE: Comprehensive Stroke Center Case Volume Requirements**

At this time, The Joint Commission will continue to use the current 2013/2014 volume requirements for all new and existing CSC customers until further notice. These current requirements (both of which are under DSPM.1, EP 5) are as follows:

- 15 clippings or coilings per year for aneurysms
- 20 aneurysmal subarachnoid hemorrhages per year

The Joint Commission will not be implementing the revised CSC case volume requirements that were to go into effect on July 1, 2014, for annual aneurysmal subarachnoid hemorrhage, surgical clipping for aneurysm, and endovascular coiling procedures for aneurysm (DSPM 1, EP 5 a, b, and c).

Since CSC certification became available in September 2012 as an advanced disease-specific care program, the volume requirements have been modified due to rapidly changing research and a lack of consensus. The decision to not implement the July 2014 revised volume requirements was made after careful consideration of the possible impact on quality of care and safety for stroke patients.

Over the next year, The Joint Commission with the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association and their Hospital Accreditation Science Committee will be collecting and analyzing data on CSC volumes from certified CSCs. These data will provide information on actual case volumes that are occurring in CSCs and will aid in the development of any future volumes revisions. Analysis of these data will also include assessing the overall quality of care of a CSC program (through CSC reviews) with the reported CSC volumes.

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