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Revised Requirements for the Critical Access Hospital Accreditation Program

APPLICABLE TO CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS

Effective Immediately

Leadership (LD)

Standard LD.04.01.01

The critical access hospital complies with law and regulation.


Element of Performance for LD.04.01.01

- A** 6. Except as permitted for critical access hospitals having distinct part units under 42 CFR 485.647, ~~as of January 1, 2004,~~ the critical access hospital maintains no more than 25 inpatient beds that can be used for either inpatient or swing bed services.

Standard LD.04.03.01

The critical access hospital provides services that meet patient needs.

Element of Performance for LD.04.03.01

- A** 27. The critical access hospital provides acute care inpatient services. 

Standard LD.04.03.09

Care, treatment, and services provided through contractual agreement are provided safely and effectively.

Element of Performance for LD.04.03.09

- A** 20. The critical access hospital has agreements or arrangements, as appropriate, with one or more

providers or suppliers participating under Medicare to furnish other services to its patients, including the following:

- Inpatient hospital care
- Services of doctors of medicine or osteopathy
- Additional or specialized diagnostic and clinical laboratory services not available at the critical access hospital
- Food and other services to meet inpatient nutritional needs to the extent they are not provided directly by the critical access hospital **R**

Medication Management (MM)

Standard MM.04.01.01

Medication orders are clear and accurate.

Element of Performance for MM.04.01.01

- A** 14. The critical access hospital requires an order from a doctor of medicine or osteopathy, or, as permitted by law and regulation, a critical access hospital-specific protocol(s) approved by a doctor of medicine or osteopathy, to administer influenza and pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccines.

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