



Leadership Requirement Added to Align with CMS

Effective January 9, 2017, Leadership (LD) Standard LD.01.03.01, Element of Performance (EP) 12 for deemed-status

home health agencies and hospices will also apply to deemed-status **hospitals, critical access hospitals, and ambulatory surgical centers.**

For The Joint Commission's deemed-status programs, the Medicare Condition of Participation (CoP) (or Condition for Coverage [CfC], for ambulatory care) concerning an organization's governing body is cited if the governing body is not fulfilling its responsibilities. While Standard LD.01.03.01 states that the governing body/governance "is ultimately accountable for the safety and quality of care, treatment, and services," currently there is no specific EP pertaining to the governing body's legal responsibility. In addition, different EPs are used across deemed programs to cite issues related to

the governing body's failure in carrying out its responsibilities.

In order to have a consistent process that uses EP language comparable to the CoPs/CfCs across deemed programs, The Joint Commission determined that one EP should be used for all deemed programs and identified Standard LD.01.03.01, EP 12, from its home care program as the best EP to use for citing a governing body Condition-level finding.

The print accreditation manuals for hospitals, critical access hospitals, and ambulatory care organizations publishing in December 2016 will include the new EP, which will then be added to E-dition® on January 9, 2017 (*see* the related article that starts below on the upcoming postings and publications of manual products).

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