Accreditation Participation Requirement Added for Deemed Status Organizations

Effective July 1, 2018, The Joint Commission has added a new Element of Performance (EP) to Accreditation Participation Requirement APR.01.03.01 for hospitals, critical access hospitals, ambulatory care organizations, and home care organizations that use the deemed status option to satisfy Medicare certification requirements.

The new EP requires immediate notification to The Joint Commission regarding loss of deemed status following a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) complaint survey or validation survey. When CMS temporarily removes an organization’s deemed status and places the organization under the survey jurisdiction of the State Agency, The Joint Commission is prohibited from performing Medicare survey activity until the deemed status has been restored.

The intent of this new requirement is to avoid conducting deemed status survey activity when an organization has been placed under the jurisdiction of the State Survey Agency. However, The Joint Commission will continue to perform the following types of accreditation survey activity regardless of whether or not an organization’s deemed status has been temporarily removed:

- Complaint surveys
- Accreditation follow-up surveys
- Special surveys for validation of completed ligature-related corrective actions
- Intracycle Monitoring surveys
- Any survey or review for another program outside of the program for which the deemed status has been removed

Organizations should notify their Joint Commission Account Executive via e-mail when loss of deemed status occurs. If a Joint Commission surveyor arrives on site to perform a Medicare deemed status survey at an organization that has been placed under the jurisdiction of the State Survey Agency, the organization will be responsible for the accreditation survey fees if notification regarding the loss of deemed status has not been communicated to The Joint Commission.

The new requirement, underscored in the box below, was published online in the spring 2018 E-dition® update and will be published in print in the 2019 Comprehensive Accreditation Manuals.
New Accreditation Participation Requirement

Applicable to Deemed-Status Hospitals, Critical Access Hospitals, Ambulatory Care Organizations, Home Care Organizations

Effective July 1, 2018

Accreditation Participation Requirement APR.01.03.01

The [organization] reports any changes in the information provided in the application for accreditation and any changes made between surveys.

Element of Performance for APR.01.03.01

2. For [organizations] that elect to use The Joint Commission deemed status option: The [organization] notifies The Joint Commission immediately upon receiving notice from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) that its deemed status has been removed due to Medicare condition-level noncompliance identified during a recent CMS complaint or validation survey.