



## **Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Conditions of Participation: Ensuring Compliance**

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CAHs must comply with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Conditions of Participation manual for Critical Access Hospitals – Appendix W. This four-part webinar will cover the entire CAH CoP manual. The CMS regulations and interpretive guidelines serve as the basis for determining compliance and this manual will be discussed in detail as well as the revised changes.

There were over seven hundred pages of new regulations for CAHs for 2020, including a change to all the tag numbers with a new CAH manual. Most of the new Tag numbers do not include Interpretive Guidelines or Survey Procedures. Other changes included twenty-five new tag numbers in infection prevention and control and antibiotic stewardship and ten new tag numbers in QAPI. The changes added the revised emergency preparedness requirements. As for Swing Bed changes – the regulations are limited to Appendix W, but the interpretive guidelines and survey procedures are in Appendix PP.

This seminar will help CAHs comply with specific CoP problem areas, including nursing care plans, necessary policies and procedures, medication carts and drug storage, informed consent, verbal orders, medication administration, protocols, standing orders and emergency preparedness. There are many pharmacy standards and medication-related sections that overlap, which will be covered in detail.

**Part One of Four:** Introduction, General Information, Memos, Recent Laws, Safe Injections, Advance Directives, Emergency Services & EMTALA, and Observation Status

**Objectives** - At the conclusion of part one, participants should be able to:

- Describe that CMS requires the Board enter into a written agreement for telemedicine services
- Recall CMS 3 worksheets which a CAH can utilize as a self-assessment tool to enhance compliance
- Describe that CMS has a list of emergency drugs and equipment every CAN must have
- Recall that all CAH must comply with EMTALA requirements
- Recall that the average length of stay in a CAH should not exceed 96 hours on annual basis



## Agenda

### 1. Introduction

- a. History
- b. Deficiencies and problematic standards for CAHs
- c. Resources for CAHs
- d. How to find manual, survey memos, and changes
- e. CMS websites
- f. Hospital Improvement Rule and Discharge Planning memo
- g. Additional recent memos from CMS that affect CAHs
- h. ISMP IV Push Guidelines
- i. Conditions of participation
- j. CMS 3 Worksheets

### 2. Survey Protocol

- a. Introduction
- b. Tasks in the Survey Protocol
- c. Survey Team

### 3. Regulations and Interpretive Guidelines for CAHs

- a. Swing bed module
- b. Compliance with Federal, State and Local Laws and Regulations
- c. Licensure of CAH
- d. Licensure, Certification or Registration of Personnel
- e. Status and Location
- f. Location Relative to Other Facilities or Necessary Provider Certification
- g. Compliance with CAH Requirements at the Time of Application Agreements
- h. Agreements with Network Hospitals
- i. Agreements for Credentialing and Quality
- j. Advanced directives
- k. Emergency Services, respiratory policies
- l. ED staffing
- m. Equipment, Supplies, and Medication
- n. Blood and Blood Products
- o. Staffing/Personnel
- p. Coordination with Emergency Response Systems
- q. EMTALA obligations
- r. Number of Beds and Length of Stay
- s. Observation, two midnight rule
- t. Number of Beds
- u. Length of Stay



**Target Audience**

CEO's, COO's, Chief Nursing Officer, Chief Medical Officer, Quality Managers, Consumer Advocate, Nurse Educators, Department directors, All Nurses, Risk Managers, Compliance Officers, Joint Commission Liaison, Director of Health Information, Case Managers, Pharmacists, Social Workers, Discharge Planners, PI Coordinator, Patient Safety Officer, Patient Safety Committee, Nurse Managers, Outpatient Director, Director of Rehab, Dieticians, Infection Control, Medication Management Team, Anesthesia and Surgery staff, PACU Director, Policy and Procedures Committee, Respiratory Therapy Director, Director of Radiology, Infection Preventionist, Pharmacist, Pharmacy Director

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