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CMS UPDATE

CMS has revised the requirements of meeting their standard §482.22(c)(5) effective October 17, 2008. Before the revision the standard required a physical examination and medical history be performed "by a physician legally authorized to practice within the state where the hospital is located and providing services within their authorized scope of practice, not more than 7 days before or 48 hours after an admission."¹ The new requirement extends the timeframe to no more than 30 days before or 24 hours after admission or registration, with a caveat that in order to be compliant the H&P must be completed prior to surgery or any procedure where anesthesia will be administered. If the H&P is completed within the 24 hours after admission, but after surgery is performed, the standard is not met. The standard applies to inpatient and outpatient procedures.



Further, when the H&P is conducted within the 30 days prior to admission, an update must be completed and documented by a licensed practitioner credentialed and privileged to the medical staff to perform H&Ps. This change brings CMS into agreement with The Joint Commission standard for History and Physicals² and simplifies coordination between both agencies for this standard.

¹ CMS Manual System. Pub. 100-07 State Operations Provider Certification. October 17, 2008.

² The Joint Commission. 2009 Hospital Accreditation Standards. PC.01.02.03