North Dakota Critical Access Hospital Conditions of Participation (CoP) Checklist

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The contents of this CoP checklist reflect the opinion of the ND CAH Quality Network only. This publication is for informational purposes. It is meant to be a tool to assist CAH Network Members with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) State Operations Manual- Appendix W and ND State Regulations Chapter 33-07-01.1 (Hospitals).

The ND CoP Checklist is **not** inclusive, and the specific tag and licensing references should be reviewed to ensure each CAH understands and complies with all parts of the regulation/rules. Please use the checklist in conjunction with other resources. Other regulations may also apply that are not included in this document (i.e., Pharmacy, Life Safety Codes). The ND CAH Quality Network is not able to ensure the following document remains current as changes and updates are initiated.

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Summary of CMS CoP CAH Updates as of November 2024:

• C-1220-C-1250

Infection Prevention and Control, Antibiotic Stewardship was incorporated into the IC standards. C-1220-C-1250 outlines Antibiotic Stewardship and Leadership Responsibilities. Additionally, the Joint Commission approved new and revised requirements for the "Infection Prevention and Control" (IC) chapter for CAH on July 1, 2024. The new requirements focus on CMS CoPs and CDC.

- Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program: CAHs participating in this program must meet updated requirements for electronic health record (EHR) reporting, including data on antimicrobial use and resistance surveillance.
- Mandatory electronic reporting of respiratory virus data like COVID-19 and flu to CMS. Effective
 November 1, 2024, CMS will require hospitals and critical access hospitals to electronically report
 information like confirmed infections and bed capacity, related to flu, COVID-19, and RSV, on a
 schedule specified by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

• C-1300-C-1325

Updated Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement updates include updated staffing standards, quality assessments, and training requirements.

• C-1400-C1430

Addition of Discharge Planning CMS requirements.

• C-1610

New survey procedures for admission, transfer, and discharge rights.

• C-1612

Revision to content for freedom from abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

- EHR access to medical records for the surveyors: Electronic access to records will not eliminate the need for a surveyor to print a paper copy or to request a paper copy; however, the surveyor shall make reasonable efforts to avoid, when possible, printing medical records.
- Suggestion to have policies in electronic format: TJC has encouraged organizations to provide
 electronic access to surveyors to policies and procedures and other required documents. You may
 consider uploading this to a shared drive with guest access. This approach has saved surveyors a lot of
 time searching in policies and has decreased the risk of the surveyor finding other areas of concern
 when reviewing policies. Note: When providing paper copies, always provide the current policy or
 document and highlight the information requested by the surveyor.
- All new survey procedures have been added to the checklist for each chapter.
- For CAH with TJC accreditation: As of 2024, key updates include: revised patient rights and complaint
 resolution standards, new infection control guidelines with a focus on structure and quality, mandatory
 electronic reporting of respiratory virus data, and alignment with CMS Conditions of Participation for
 consistent accreditation standards across CAHs; these changes primarily focus on improved patient
 safety and quality of care.

Survey Preparation Suggestions

1. Create a Survey Team within your hospital.

The team should be responsible for gathering necessary and preferred documentation (and keeping it current), working with department managers and other staff to ensure everyone understands their role in the survey process, and checking for compliance on a regular basis.

- **2. Survey documents**. Have a folder ready with the following documents. Be sure to keep these documents updated.
 - o Map/floor plan
 - Organizational chart
 - List of staff and hours of operation
 - List of services including those that are contracted
 - Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Plans
 - o Infection Control Plan
 - Network agreement
 - Copy of CLIA or other certifications and the most recent survey documentation
- **3. Policy documentation and processes** The Conditions of Participation (see Checklist, below) frequently refer to processes and patient care policies (and revise, as necessary). Each department should be responsible for the review of their policies, it is important to have a written explanation of how the group described in TAG C272 is involved in this process. Both a description of the process and evidence of this group's involvement must be readily available for a surveyor's review. **Consider having all policies available in an electronic format or providing access for surveyors to a shared drive with all current policies and procedures.**
- **4. Environmental Walk-through** Part of the survey process includes a walk-through of the facility. The survey team makes observations and interviews staff during the walk-through. These observations often lead to further policy review. One of the functions of your survey team should be to periodically conduct a walk-through, observing as a surveyor.

General Survey Protocol

- CAH will not receive advanced notice of survey.
- The surveyor will assess compliance with all areas under CCN.
- CAH must grant immediate access upon a reasonable request or can terminate Medicare.
- CAH cannot refuse to permit copying of records or information.
- A CAH is required to comply with CoPs to receive Medicare/Medicaid payment.
- The surveyor will look at telemedicine contracts.
- The surveyor will not withhold areas of concern until the conclusion.
- The surveyor cannot touch or examine patients and if concerned about bedsores, bruised, or incontinence will ask staff to remove or will be present while physical exam is done.
- The surveyor may need to make copies of some of the EHRs but will try and not print entire records.
- The surveyor may ask what happens if the computer system goes down.
 - O How do you register a patient, transfer, or admit?
 - O How do you order or get lab results?
- All team members must review their findings and concerns and be prepared to discuss them during the daily meeting.
- The surveyor will determine if corrective actions make it unlikely for the deficient practice to reoccur.
- The surveyor will not delay a survey to wait for additional staff to arrive.
- CAH to make sure surveyors have access to copiers.
- If CAH uses an EHR or electronic policy and procedures, surveyors will need access to printers.
- The surveyors can make an extra copy of every document that surveyors copy.
- The surveyor will not provide the hospital with a list of the records reviewed or patients, staff or visitors they meet.
- CAH staff can accompany surveyors, if they do not provide the answers or interject.

Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Survey Information Request Sheet

North Dakota Department of Health Division of Health Facilities

To expedite the survey, process the following information will be needed (please label information with the corresponding number from the list): Electronic medical record access for two surveyors.

Within 1 Hour:

- 1. Electronic medical record access for 2 surveyors.
- **2.** List of department heads with contact information. A copy for each surveyor.
- **3.** Facility floor plan.
- 4. List of all current hospital patients (including inpatients, swing bed, observation patients) providing each patient's name, room number, diagnosis(es), admission date, age, attending physician, and patient's status. A copy for each surveyor.
- **5.** Two copies of medical staff bylaws that have been signed and approved.
- **6.** Three copies of the medical staff rules and regulations that have been signed and approved.
- 7. Computerized register/listing for inpatient admissions from the past six months to the current date. Please include the patient's name, medical records number, age and/or birthdate, date of admit, date of discharge and/or death, attending physician, and diagnosis(es).
- 8. Computerized register/listing or log book for emergency room patients from the past three months to current date. Please include the patient's name, medical record number, age and/or birthdate, date and time of service, provider name, disposition, and chief complaint.
- Computerized register/listing or logbook for surgical patients from the past six months to current date. Please include the patient's name, medical.

- record number, age and/or birthdate, date of operation, type of operation, type of anesthesia, name of the surgeon.
- 10. Computerized register/listing or log book for all swing bed patients from the past six months to current date. Please include the patient's name, medical record number, age and/or birthdate, date of admit, date of discharge and/or death, attending physician, and diagnosis(es).
- **11.** List of patient deaths in the last six months. Please include: Name, medical records number, birthdate, date of death, provider, and diagnosis(es).
- 12. The names and addresses of all offsite locations and clinics operating under the same provider number. Identify if any of the off-site locations bill any services (e.g., lab, radiology, therapy) under the hospital's provider number.
- **13.** Incident and accident (variance) reports from the past six months.
- **14.** Three copies of a listing of all current medical staff (identify medical staff officers and categories: active, courtesy, consulting, locum tenens, telemedicine, etc.).
- **15.** Two copies of Governing Body bylaws that have been signed and approved.
- **16.** Medical staff meeting minutes for the past twelve months.
- **17.** Governing Body minutes for the past twelve months.

Within 4 hours:

- **18.** Committee meeting minutes for the past twelve months (i.e., Quality Assurance/Improvement, Pharmacy & Therapeutics, Safety, etc.)
- 19. One copy (not original) of the approved quality assurance/improvement plan and reporting schedule for the current year and the past year. QA reports from last year.
- **20.** Infection Control Program (infection control log, reports, meeting minutes, etc.).
- **21.** A copy of the waterborne pathogens (including *Legionella*) risk assessment.
- **22.** A copy of the network agreement(s) and copy of credential agreement(s).
- **23.** A copy of agreement(s) for telemedicine and teleradiology and lists provided by the distant site hospital/entity of the telemedicine providers.
- **24.** A copy of the list of services the facility provides directly.
- **25.** A copy of the listing of contracted services (provided by arrangements/agreements) and the scope of services provided.
- **26.** Dietary menus for one month including all diets offered.
- 27. Advance Directive information: written information provided to patient/resident and evidence that the facility has provided advance directive education for staff and the community.
- **28.** Admission material provided to acute patients and swing bed patients.
- **29.** Organ procurement policies/procedures, copy of agreement with organ procurement agency, and documentation of staff training.
- **30.** Copy of schedule for ER medical providers for the past 6 months.

- **31.** Call schedules for laboratory, radiology, etc., for the past three months.
- 32. Organization chart.
- **33.** A list of all current governing body members and officers. One copy (not original).
- **34.** List of all CAH employees (including contracted staff and volunteers) provide name, title/position, department, and vaccine/exemption status. Identify any staff hired within the last 60 days. A copy for each surveyor.
- **35.** Evidence of biomedical equipment inspections for the last quarter.
- **36.** Copy of contract with an ambulance service (if not hospital owned).

Available Upon Request of Surveyor:

- **37.** Policies and procedures for each department of the hospital. Consider uploading all current policies and procedures to a shared drive for surveyors.
- **38.** Personnel files of specified employees (licenses/certifications, orientation for new employees/new programs, and annual education training).
- **39.** Pharmacist registration number and annual Board of Pharmacy hospital inspection report and plan of correction if applicable.
- **40.** Contracts with outside resources and any applicable reports.

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TAG	REQUIREMENT
COP C-800	§485.608 Condition of Participation: Compliance With Federal, State, and Local Laws and Regulations
BASIS AND SCOPE C-0800	□ Conditions that a hospital must meet to be designated as a CAH.
PERSONNEL C-0804	☐ Staff that furnish services in a CAH must meet applicable requirements:
	☐ Clinical Nurse Specialist: Is a registered nurse and is licensed to practice nursing in the state where services are provided according to state nurse license law and regulation.
	 Nurse Practitioner: Must be a registered professional nurse who is currently licensed to practice in the state.
	 Physician Assistant: Must meet the applicable state requirements governing the qualifications for assistants to primary care physicians.
COMPLIANCE C-0810	☐ Refer or report suspected violations to the appropriate federal, state, or local agency.
ADVANCED	□ Does facility have policy and procedure regarding advance directives?
DIRECTIVES & PATIENT RIGHTS	Does the hospital provide written information to patients at the time of admission concerning their rights under state law to make decisions concerning medical care?
C-0812	☐ The notice must include a clear and precise statement of limitation if the CAH cannot implement an advance directive on the basis of conscience.
	 Provision of care is not conditioned, or other discrimination against a patient, on whether (or not) the individual has an advance directive.
	☐ CAH & staff compliance with federal, state, and local laws & regulations
	 Staff must comply with their advance directives and are educated topolicy and procedures.
	 Provide advance directive information to the competent patient when admitted, including how to file a complaint to the state survey and certification agency.
	 Inpatients and Outpatients have the right to make advance directives, including psychiatric advance directives.
	☐ Advance directive applies to ED, observation, and same day surgery patient.
	☐ Information on advance directives is provided to all inpatients.
	☐ Mechanism to formulate or update their current advance directive.
	 Have advance directives to designate a support person for person of exercising the visitation rights.
	 If patient is incapacitated, a durable power of attorney (DPOA) must be used to inform decisions and consent for the patient.
	☐ CAH must also seek the consent of the patient's representative when informed consent is required for a care decision.
	☐ Prominent documentation in MR of completing advance directive and copy in record.
	 Provide community education regarding issues concerning advance directives and the hospital must document its efforts (video and audible tapes acceptable)

TAG	REQUIREMENT
	☐ Patients have the right to refuse treatment.
	☐ Must disclose if the hospital is a physician-owned hospital.
	☐ Physician's must also disclose to patients who they refer.
	 Disclose in writing if physician is not on premise 24 hours a day for emergencies. Sign acknowledgement if the patient is admitted.
	 A sign is posted conspicuously stating the hospital does not have a physician present in the hospital 24-hours per day, 7 days a week and indicates how the hospital will meet the medical needs of any patient with an emergency medical condition.
	 Patients signed acknowledgement that they understand a physician may not be present during all hours services are furnished to the patient.
TAG	REQUIREMENT
C-0814	 Patient care services are furnished in accordance with state and local laws and regulations.
	□ Ensure delegating as allowed by law.
	☐ Ensure practicing according to scope of practice, such as NP, CNS, PA
	☐ Staff are licensed, certified, or registered per federal, state & local laws.
C-0818	 Review personnel files to be sure credentials, licensure, and training and education requirements are up to date including contract personnel.
	Review policies and procedures regarding certifications, licensure,
	and registration. Ensure personnel are in compliance with CAH policy.
C-0822	☐ If the CAH moves, its eligibility for continued CAH status must be reassessed in accordance with 485.610(b).
C-0826	 Conduct an informal assessment of the CAHs rural status, following the procedures in section 2256A of the SOM.
C-0832	 Renovation or expansion of a CAH existing building or addition of the building(s) on the existing main campus of the CAH is not considered a relocation.
	□ Entirely new replacement facilities constructed on the same site as the existing CAH main campus, are considered relocated facilities.

TAG	REQUIREMENT
Condition C-0860	§485.616 Condition of Participation: Agreements
AGREEMENTS C-0862	 Agreement (at least one) with a rural health network hospital & one acute care hospital related to patient referral and transfer, communication, emergency, and non- emergency patient transportation.
C-0802	□ What policy and procedure are related to communication system?
	How CAH communicates with other hospitals – do you keep a communication log?
	 CAH has a way for communicating and sharing patient data with other network members when the system is not in operation.
	□ Written agreement with local EMS.
	□ Need to provide transport between the two facilities.
	□ For additional information regarding status and location of the CAH C- 0822, C-0824, C-0826, C-0830, C-0832, C-0834 (co-locations), C-0836, C- 0840
C-0864	Patient referrals and transfers. Provide for transport
	□ Policy and procedure related to communication system (recommended)
C-0866	 How network shares patient data, electronic data, telemetry, medical records with them
	If no communications system in place; how does the CAH communicate and share patient data with the tertiary facility?
	□ Staff training provided to operate the communication system
C-0868	Does the CAH have a written agreement with the local EMS service to provide transportation between the CAH and the tertiary facility?
C-0666	□ How emergency & non-emergency transport is provided between them
C-0870	 Agreement between CAH, one of its network hospitals if applicable, a QIO or equivalent entity, or one other state approved entity for credentialing and quality assurance activities.
	 The agreement must include MR reviews for the determination of quality and medical necessity of care.
	 Have policy and procedure to determine how information is obtained, used and how confidentiality is maintained

TAG	REQUIREMENT
AGREEMENTS - CREDENTIALING	 The board must ensure written agreement with the distant site hospital (DSH) or distant site telemedicine entity (DSTE) is present
& PRIVILEGING	☐ The written agreement for telemedicine includes:
(Telemedicine) C-0872	Distant site hospital participates in Medicare; hospital provides current list of practitioners, including their privileges, each practitioner holds a license in the State where the CAH is located, and CAH reviews the services provided by telemedicine and provides feedback to the distant site hospital Telemedicine agreement: List of providers must be approved by the governing board and medical staff.
	 The agreement should include credentialing and privileging the telemedicine physicians and practitioners by the distant site hospital
	 Ensure documentation indicating the granted privileges to each telemedicine physician and practitioner.
	 Documentation indicates the governing body or responsible individual made the privileging decision based on the privileging decisions of the distant site hospital.
	 The Governing Board determines what category of practitioners are eligible for appointment to the medical staff (MS)
	□ Board appoints with recommendation of the MS
	□ Board approves the MS bylaws and other MS rules and regulations.
	$\hfill \square$ Make sure MS is accountable to the board for quality of care provided to the patients.
	 Criteria is established and followed for selection of MS that is based on individual character, competence, training, experience, and judgment
	 Privileges are never based solely on certification, fellowship, or membership in a special body or society
	 Written agreement is present stating the distant-site hospital participates in Medicare and has an independent obligation to comply with all Conditions of Participation.
	 Evidence the CAH conducts the required review of the telemedicine services provided by the telemedicine services provided by practitioners, including any associated adverse events and complaints, and it provides the required feedback to the DSTE hospital.
C-0874	 Provide a written agreement stating DSTE will provide services to ensure compliance with CoPs.
	 List physicians/practitioners covered by agreement, includes privileges and licensure information.
	 Evidence that the CAH reviews the services provided by the telemedicine physicians and practitioners, including any adverse events and complaints, and provides written feedback to the distant-site telemedicine entity. Does the CAH verify that the telemedicine entity fulfills the terms of the agreement with respect to its credentialing and privileging process and otherwise assures that services are provided in a manner that enables the CAH to meet all applicable CAH
	requirements. Provide verification that the DSTE fulfills terms to C & P process to enable CAH to meet applicable CAH requirements. ND CAH Conditions of Participation (COP) Checklist

TAG	REQUIREMENT
	 CAH has documentation indicating that it granted privileges to each telemedicine physician and practitioner (through medical staff granting privileges and approval by governing board)
	☐ Is there documentation that indicates the CAHs governing body or responsible individual made the privileging decision based on the privileging decisions of the distant site telemedicine entity?
COP C-0880	§485.618 Condition of Participation: Emergency Services
EMERGENCY SERVICES	 Provision of emergency services as a direct service of the CAH- includes provision of services to both inpatients and outpatients. ND 33-07-01.1-25(1a)
C-0880	☐ The ED cannot be a provider-based offsite location.
	□ Must comply with acceptable standards of practice.
	□ Need qualified medical director.
	□ Need to have policy and procedure regarding the care provided in the ED.
	 Policies and procedures are developed and approved by the medical staff, including mid-level practitioners.
	□ Policies current and revised based on QA activities.
	☐ If no ED need policy/procedure governing the handling of emergencies ND 33-07- 01.1-25(a2)
	 Need policy /procedure for operation of ED in time of disaster ND 33-07- 01.1-25(g-13)
	 Under the direction of a qualified member of the medical staff; MS Bylaws define what "qualified" means.
	□ Need triage procedures.
	□ Must have adequate equipment.
	 Must determine the categories and numbers of staff needed in the ED (MD/DO, RN, ward clerks, PA, NP, EMTs)
	 The scope of diagnostic and /or therapeutic respiratory services offered by the CAH should be defined in writing, and approved by the MS such as (intubation, breathing treatments, CT scans, venous Doppler's, ultrasound etc.)
	 Qualifications, education, training, of personnel authorized to perform respiratory care services and if supervision is needed

TAG	REQUIREMENT
	☐ Must have written policies to address the following services:
	□ Equipment assembly and operation
	□ Safety practices, including infection control measures.
	☐ Handling storage and dispensing of therapeutic gases.
	□ Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
	□ Procedures to follow in the advent of adverse reactions to treatments or interventions:
	□ Pulmonary function testing
	□ Therapeutic percussion and vibration
	□ Bronchopulmonary drainage
	□ Mechanical ventilator and oxygenation support
	☐ Aerosol humidification, and therapeutic gas administration
	□ Administration of medications; and
	□ Procedures for obtaining and analyzing blood samples (arterial blood gases)
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	□ ED staff education to include:
	 Parenteral administration of electrolytes, fluids, blood, and blood components
	 Care and management of injuries to extremities and central nervous system
	 Prevention of contamination and cross infection and
	Provision of emergency respiratory services
	 Review staffing schedule to determine that the number and type of staff available are appropriate to the volumes and services provided.
	 If blood gases or other laboratory tests are performed by respiratory services, verify current CLIA certification.

TAG	REQUIREMENT
ED AVAILABILITY OF 24-HOURS EMERGENCY	 Emergency services available on a 24-hr a day basis. Name all providers who work in ER and name the type of certification/training. Call schedule, backup plan.
SERVICES	☐ Can PA's or NP's admit patients? Do they provide notification of admits?
C-0882	 Emergency services available 24/7 and how CAH will ensure/verify they are ND 33-07-01.1-25 (i)
	 Qualified provider available to see patients within 30 min (rural) or 60 min (frontier) and how CAH ensures patients are seen within the required time
	□ Process and timeframe and documentation for notifying provider and their arrival time.
	 CAH must maintain the types, quality and numbers of supplies, drugs and biologicals, blood and blood products, and equipment.
EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND MEDICATION AVAILABILITY	 Ensure that the required equipment, supplies, and medications are always readily available.
C-0884	
DRUGS AND BIOLOGICALS	How does the CAH ensure that staff knows where drugs and biological are kept, inventory maintained, Drugs and biological replaced?
C-0886	□ Who is responsible for monitoring drugs and biologicals?
	□ Medications are locked and dated according to MIFU if opened.
	 Monitor medication refrigerator temperatures, keep a log for temps to assure safe storage.
	 Monitor crash cart medications. Checked and verify narcotic count. Replace when needed according to policy.

TAG	REQUIREMENT
EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES C-0888	 3. Prevention of contamination and cross infection 4. Provision of emergency respiratory services How CAH provides the equipment and supplies needed and ensures they are readily available Equipment and supplies commonly used in life-saving procedures include: Airways, endotracheal tubes, Ambu bag/valve/mask, oxygen, tourniquets,
	 immobilization devices, nasogastric tubes, splints, IV therapy supplies, suction machine, defibrillator, cardiac monitor, chest tubes, and indwelling urinary catheters. Make sure staff know where the equipment is located. Know how supplies are replaced and who is responsible for doing this and watch for expired suture.
	 expired suture. Do you supply patients with medication at discharge? Process? Patient care equipment maintenance: how performed, schedule (defibrillator)
	 What to do when equipment fails Is there emergency lighting and power? Who will examine sterilized equipment for expiration dates? Who will examine oxygen supply system to determine functional capabilities?
	 Check the force of the vacuum (suction) equipment to see that it is in operating condition.
(Provision of Services – Emergency Medical Services)	 Current policies/procedures for every service/procedure given (MS approved) ND 33-07-01.1-25(g) ED Policies and procedures revised at least biennially. Integration with the CAH-wide QA program Medical staff delineation of criteria for ED privileges How the ED will be staffed appropriately: types & numbers of professionals
	 Policy/procedure for emotionally ill or under influence of drugs, alcohol, DOA ND 33-07-01.1-25(g-4) Procedure for early transfer severely ill or injured ND 33-07-01.1-25(g-5) Procedure communication with police, health authorities and emergency vehicle operators ND 33-07-01.1-25 (g-9) How will provide emergency RT services & scope of services (MS approved)
	 Qualifications of RT service providers, including job title, licensure requirements, education, training, experience they may perform without supervision. The scope of diagnostic and/or therapeutic respiratory services offered by the CAH should be defined in writing, and approved by the MS (CT scans, venous Doppler's, U/S)

TAG	REQUIREMENT
BLOOD & BLOOD PRODUCTCS	 Policy/procedure or contract/agreement/arrangement for services for the procurement, safekeeping, and transfusion of blood, including the availability of blood products needed for emergency patients 24 hours a day (No requirement to store blood on site)
	□ The call schedule will be reviewed.
	□ Documentation of blood refrigerator temperatures and corrective action as needed.
	 Can provide in emergency directly or through arrangement, in some cases more practical to transport patient to where the blood is – availability of lab services – 24hr/d, 7d/week.
	□ Compatibility testing, if performed (CLIA Certified)
	☐ If collecting blood must register with FDA
	□ Need agreement in writing re: provision of blood between CAH and testing lab.
	☐ Ensure blood is properly stored to prevent deterioration.
	□ Refrigerator temps should be documented.
	 If types and cross matches must have necessary equipment such as Sero- Fuge and heat block
	□ CAH may keep 4 units of O Negative blood on hand at all times.
	☐ Release to give, signed by doctor, is needed since not cross matched
BLOOD STORAGE	 Need to be under the control and supervision of a pathologist or other qualified doctor.
	□ If blood banking is done under arrangement, the arrangement must
C-0892	□ be approved by MS and administration- will look for agreement
PERSONNEL	 Must have practitioner (physician, PA, NP, and CNS) with training in emergency care on call and immediately available by telephone or radio contact and available within 30 minutes 24 hours a day
C-0894	□ Specific training required for practitioners? (ACLS/ ATLS)
	 Have policy/procedure in place to ensure MD/DO is available by phone ND 33-07-01.1-09 (Governing Body)
	☐ RN can satisfy C-0207 temporarily if the CAH has <= 10 beds & frontier & approval given in writing from State ** List of qualified nurses is available
	□ Will review call schedules and ask staff if they know who is on call.
	 Will review documentation that PA, NP, CNS, or MD was on site within the allowable time frame

TAG	REQUIREMENT
	 Have a procedure where provider is available by phone or radio on 24-hour basis to receive calls.
	RN with training and experience in emergency care can conduct specific medical screening exam. RN must be on site and immediately available when a patient requests care and the nature of the request must be within scope of practice for a RN and consistent with state law, medical staff bylaws. If you have facilities that are considered "frontier/remote location" will need to add more as to RNs.
	Coordination with emergency response systems/ambulance
C-0898	 Ensure that procedures are in place for coordination with ERS to make available by telephone or radio contact, on a 24-hours a day basis, a MD or DO to receive emergency calls and provide medical direction in emergency situations
	 Ensure there is a plan in place to demonstrate that procedures are followed and evaluated for effectiveness
COP C-0900	§485.620 Condition of Participation:
BED TYPE/	Number of Beds and Length of Stay □ CAH maintains no more than 25 acute care beds at any one time (not including
OBSERVATION	observation beds)
	☐ Any of the 25 beds can be used to provide acute or swing bed, dependent on patient
C-0902	need Does not count if CAH has up to 10 bed rehab unit or behavioral health unit
	 Do not count in 25 bed count exam or procedure tables, stretchers, Operating Room tables, ED carts, 10 bed distinct rehab or behavioral health unit, newborn bassinets and isolettes for well-baby boarders and PACU bed and inpatient beds in Medicare-certified distinct part rehabilitation or psychiatric units Do not count OB beds if active labor, but do count birthing rooms where patient stays after giving birth
	□ Hospice beds can be dedicated are also counted as part of the 25 beds
	Observation is not appropriate for: Substitute for inpatient admission, for continuous monitoring, or medically stable patients who need diagnostic testing or outpatient procedure (blood, chemo, dialysis), patients awaiting nursing home placement, for convenience to the patient or family, for routine prep or recovery prior to or after diagnostic or surgical services, as a routine stop between the ED and inpatient admission, no prescheduled observations services or observation services begin and end with theorder of the physician
	 There is an order for observation services prior to start of the service; order is not backdated
	 Standing orders for observation services are not permitted or utilized Must provide documentation to show that observation bed is not an inpatient bed.
	Need specific clinical criteria for observation services and it must be different inpatient criteria.

TAG	REQUIREMENT
LENGTH OF STAY	 Length Of Stay- CAH provides acute inpatient care for a period that does not exceed, on an annual average basis, 96 hours per patient (96-hour average LOS rule does not apply to hospice patients)
C-0904	□ Calculate the CAH's LOS based on patient census data.
	 Policy on observation beds to meet-they do not count observation beds in 25 bed count now or in calculating average LOS.
	☐ Two Midnight Rule- Need an order and need to document medical necessity
COP C-0910	§485.623 Condition of Participation: Physical Plant and Environment
C-0910	 Building & equipment maintenance part of the QA program, this applies to all campuses, satellites, inpatient and outpatient locations
CONSTRUCTION C-0912	 CAH is constructed, arranged, and maintained to ensure access to and safety of patients and provides adequate space for the provision of direct services.
	☐ There is adequate space for the scope of services required to be provided on-site.
	□ Buildings are maintained to ensure the safety and well-being of patients.
	□ Design of the facility assures staff can reach patients readily.
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	 Must have housekeeping and preventative maintenance programs: routine, preventive, handling spills.
& MAINTENANCE	☐ There is a list of all facility and medical equipment including specific equipment information, such as ID number, manufacturer, model number, serial number, location,
C-0914	department, etc. Department, etc. Department, including frequency of the control of the contro
	maintenance, following manufacturer-recommended maintenance activities and schedule.
	□ Equipment used for the first time is inspected and tested.
	 Individual responsible for overseeing the equipment maintenance program and activities is qualified
	 All essential mechanical, electrical and patient-care equipment is maintained in safe operating conditions (supplies and equipment must be maintained) and available when needed.
	□ Building maintenance program: routine, preventive, and inspections.

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	□ Patient care equipment maintenance program: routine, preventive, storage
	How do you ensure your equipment is maintained properly (boilers, elevators, air compressors, ventilators, X-ray equipment, IV pumps, kitchen freezer/refrigerator, laundry equipment)?
	□ Medical Gases stored securely.
	 Have a policy and procedures which address the effectiveness of the CAHs alternative equipment maintenance (AEM) program.
	 AEM Program- demonstrates that CAH is performing risk-based assessments, preventative maintenance, or establishing the AEM program.
	 Maintain a written inventory of all medical equipment or a written inventory of selected equipment categorized by risk assessment.
	□ Is critical equipment readily located?
	 Identify in writing how to maintain, inspect, and test the medical equipment on the inventory. Could a malfunction have been prevented? What steps are needed to prevent future malfunctions? How determination is made whether or not the malfunction resulted from the use of an AEM strategy
	☐ How do staff report maintenance issues?
	What is the process for removal from service of equipment determined to be unsafe or no longer suitable for its intended application?
	 The use of performance data to determine if modification is in the AEM program procedures are required
	 CAH evaluates the safety and effectiveness of the AEM maintenance activities for equipment and takes corrective actions when needed, actions are documented.
DISPOSAL OF TRASH	 Need policies for proper routine storage and prompt disposal of trash (includes biohazardous waste)
C-0920	 Must be disposed of in accordance with standards (EPA, OSHA, CDC, environmental and safety), including radioactive materials.
STORAGE OF	□ Drugs & biologicals: Ensure storage and locking (see also <i>C-0886</i>)
DRUGS <i>C-0922</i>	 Must be properly locked in the storage area; make sure drugs are not left out in open, in tube system or on dumb waiter ledge.
	 What process do you have in place to make sure drugs are stored according to manufacturer's instructions for temp and light storage, labeling, etc.
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	 Premises clean and orderly and uncluttered with equipment not stored in corridors, spills not left unattended, no peeling paint et al.
C-0924	□ Will look at walls, ceilings, and floors (no storage directly on floor), maintenance log.
	□ Chemicals Stored appropriately.
	□ No storage of combustibles with heating and electrical equipment.
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TAG	REQUIREMENT	
VENTILATION C-0926	 There must be proper ventilation, lighting, and temperature control in all pharmaceutical, patient care, and food preparation areas. OR Temps and Humidity maintained per AIA/AORN 	
COP C-930	§485.625 Condition of Participation: Life Safety from Fire	
C-0932	 Life safety plan. Meet Life Safety Code of the National Fire Protection Association (2-hour fire wall) Corridor doors and doors to rooms containing flammable/combustible matters have only positive latching hardware, no roller latches. CMS waiver provided – when application resulted in unreasonable hardship and does not 	
	adversely affect health and safety of patients	
FIRE INSPECTION C-0934	Maintain written evidence of regular inspection and approval by state and or local fire control agencies	
	☐ Surveyor will examine copies of inspection and approval reports.	
ALCOHOL-BASED HAND RUB DISPENSERS	□ Alcohol-based hand rub dispensers are installed to protect against inappropriate access.	
C-0936		
SPRINKLER SYSTEM C-0938	□ When sprinkler systems are down for more than 10 hours the building/portion affected are evacuated or fire watch is instituted	
WINDOWS/	□ Every sleeping room has an outside window/door	
DOORS C-0940	(Built after 2016) Height must not exceed 36 inches above floor.	
C-0940 LIFE SAFETY CODE C-0942 C-0944	 □ Waiver present – specific provisions of Life Safety Code resulted in unreasonable hardship and no adverse effect to health/safety of patients. □ Applicable provisions and steps to meet the requirements of Health Care Facilities Code are met unless waiver provided. Refer to Appendix Z of the SOM to cite the specific Emergency Preparedness E-tags. 	

COP C-950	85.625 Condition of Participation: Emergency Preparedness	
EMERGENCY PROCEDURES <i>C-0950</i>	 CMS Moved Emergency Preparedness final rules to Appendix Z CMS Emergency preparedness checklist http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/ProvideEnrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertEmergPrep/HealthCareProviderGuidane 	
	 Emergency preparedness plan developed, maintained, reviewed, and updated e 2 years and includes: 	every
	 Documented, facility-based and community-based risk assessment utilizing an a approach. 	III-hazards
	☐ Includes strategies to address emergency events per risk assessment.	
	Addresses patient populations.	
	Includes process for cooperation and collaboration with local, tribal, regional, st and federal emergency officials.	ate,
	Policies and procedures are in place and reviewed/updated every 2 years and in	iclude:
	Provisions for subsistence are needed for all.	
	□ Tracking of staff and patients	
	□ Safe evacuation from facility	
	☐ Means to shelter in place.	
	System for medical documentation to maintain confidentiality.	
	Use of volunteer or other emergency staff	
	Arrangement with other CAH/providers to receive patients.	
	A communication plan is developed and in place and reviewed every 2 years.	
	Training and testing of the plan are completed every 2 years with supporting documentation along with	
	Annual exercises are conducted annually – full-scale and one additional exercise	2
	Emergency and standby power systems are in place.	
	☐ If part of an integrated health system — each facility is complying.	
	Assure safety of patients in non-medical emergencies	
	Staff trained in handling emergencies such as reporting and extinguishing of fire evacuations, et al. Validate training with in- service records.	S,
	Report all fires to state officials.	
	The surveyor will interview staff to make sure they know what to do in case of a tornado, blizzard.	fire,
	Consider policy and procedures related to workplace violence. Provide education on work place violence and reporting. Include in QAPI program.	on to staff
	Ensure all personnel are trained to manage emergency procedures for non-med emergencies. Review staff training documents and in-service records to confirm	

TAG	REQUIREMENT
	 Emergency power and lighting – National Fire Protection Amendments (NFPA) 101, 2000 Edition and applicable Facilities, for emergency lighting and emergency power in ED and for battery lamps or flashlights in other areas Must comply with the applicable provisions of the Life Safety Code Emergency fuel and water supplies, have a plan to provide care to inpatients and to other persons who may come to the CAH in need of care (source of water is FEMA)
	 Includes planning with local utility companies and others for the provision of emergency sources of water and gas.
	☐ Have a plan for prioritizing their use until adequate supplies are available.
	 Policy & procedure addressing specific conditions (snowbound facility, spring flooding, etc.) in comprehensive emergency preparedness plan Develop a comprehensive plan to ensure that the safety and wellbeing of patients are assured during emergency situations.
	□ Coordinate with federal, state, and local emergency preparedness and health authorities to identify likely risks for the area.
	□ Considerations when developing the comprehensive emergency plan.
	1. Differences needed for each location where the certified CAH operates,
	Special needs of patient populations treated at the CAH (e.g., patients with psychiatric diagnosis, patients on special diets, newborns, etc.)
	3. Security of patients and walk in patients.
	4. Security of supplies from misappropriation
	 Pharmaceuticals, food, other supplies, and equipment that may be needed during emergency/disaster situations.
	 Communication to external entities if telephones and computers are not operating or become overloaded.
	7. Communication among staff within the CAH itself
	 Qualifications and training needed by personnel, including healthcare staff, security staff, and maintenance staff, to implement and carry out emergency procedures.
	 Identification, availability, and notification of personnel that are needed to implement and carry out the CAHs emergency plan.
	 Identification of community resources, including lines of communication and names and contact information for community emergency preparedness coordinators and responders.
	Provisions for gas, water, and electricity supply if access is shut off to the community.
	12. Transfer or discharge patients to home or other healthcare settings.
	13. Methods to evaluate repairs needed and to ensure resources needed.

TAG	REQUIREMENT	
COP C-960	§485.627 Condition of Participation: Organizational Structure	
GOVERNING BODY	 Must have only one governing body (or responsible individual) and this governing body (or responsible individual) is responsible for the conductof the CAH as an institution. 	
	☐ Governing board responsibilities/bylaws- board approves MS bylaws.	
C-0962	 Policy/procedure that has governing body or individual that assumes legal responsibility for implementing and monitoring. ND 33-07-01.1-09 	
	 Board must determine what categories of practitioners are eligible for appointment and reappoint to MS (NP, PA, Dentist, CRNA) and there is written criteria for staff appointments. 	
	☐ Board is responsible for conduct of CAH and for quality of care to patients.	
	 Criteria for MS is based on individual character, competence, training, experience, and judgment. 	
	 The surveyor will look to see board or written documentation of person responsible for CAH 	
	□ Does Board have categories of practitioners for appointment to MS?	
	□ Confirm that Board appoints all members to the MS.	
	□ CEO, delegation of authority for daily operations, as applicable	
	What evidence (e.g., minutes of board meetings) demonstrates that the governing body or the individual who assumes responsibility for CAH operation is involved in the day-to-day operation of the CAH and is fully responsible for its operations?	
	 Medical staff operates under current bylaws, rules and policies approved by governing body (responsible individual). 	
MEDICAL	- Depositing changes in a granting officials to the atota	
DIRECTION <i>C-0964</i>	Reporting changes in operating officials to the state.Reporting changes in ownership to the state.	
3 330 1	□ Reporting changes in medical director to state.	
C-0966		
Condition C-0970	§485.631 Condition of Participation: Staffing and Staff Responsibilities	
STAFFING		
C-0971	 CAH has professional staff that includes one or more physicians, and may include PA, NP, or CNS 	
	□ Need to have organizational chart which shows names of all MD/DO and PA, NP, or CNS	
	□ Surveyor will review work schedules	
SUPERVISION	Professional staff supervises all ancillary personnel.	
C-0972		

TAG	REQUIREMENT
STAFF COVERAGE C-0974	Staffing policies (have sufficient staff to take care of patients and provide essential services to CAH operation)
	Have staffing schedules and daily census records available for reviewing
STAFF AVAILABILITY	MD, DO, NP, PA, or CNS must be available at all times to furnish care.
C-0976	Must show practitioner is available and shows up when patient presents to the hospital
NURSE ON DUTY	RN, CNS, or LPN on duty whenever one or more inpatients
C-0978	
Condition C-0980	§485.631 Condition of Participation: Responsibilities of Doctor of Medicine
PHYSICIAN	MD/DO must provide medical directions and supervision of staff.
RESPONSIBILITIES	The surveyor will want evidence that the doctor provides oversight and is available for consultation.
C-0981	Have a policy that specifies a time frame for the maximum interval between
	inpatient reviews.
	How do you ensure that the doctor participates in the development of policies and procedures?
	Provide evidence that there is periodic review of patient records by the doctor.
C-0982	MD/DO participates in developing, executing & periodically reviewing policies.
	PA/NP need to participate in developing and reviewing written policies and
	procedures.
C-0984	MD/DO w/ advanced practitioners periodically review patient records, provide orders,
	and provides med services to CAH patients (define "periodically").

TAG	REQUIREMENT
PHYSICIAN SUPERVISION	 Must have a doctor on staff and must perform medical oversight and must be present for sufficient period (no longer says must be present at least once every two weeks).
C-0986	☐ The surveyor will want evidence that the physician provided oversight and is available for consultation or patient referral.
	 Periodically reviews and signs all records of patients cared for by NP, CNS, or PA and MD/DO signs records after review is completed.
	 Select a sample of inpatient and outpatient records, including bothopen and closed records.
	☐ For inpatient records of patients whose care is/was managed by a non- physician practitioner, verify that:
	 An MD/DO has reviewed and signed all records that were open at the time of the review, and all inpatient records that were closed since the MD/DO's last review; and
	 That review takes place within the timeframe specified by the CAH's policy. (Consider if CAH has EHRs that can be reviewed and signed off remotely)
C-0988	 Establish a protocol for contacting a physician (MD or DO is always available) for consultation, assistance and/or patient referral through radio or telephone or electronic communication (telemedicine)
	☐ MD or DO must be present in the CAH for sufficient periods of time.
	 Develop policy and procedure on minimum amount of time and frequency of MD/DO presence on-site and document compliance.
	□ Must have list of on call physicians.
Condition C-0990	§485.631 Condition of Participation: PA, NP, and Clinical Nurse Responsibilities
PA, NP, CNS	□ PA, NP, CNS, participate with an MD/DO in the review of their patients' health records.
C-0991	 PA, NP, CNS, participate in the development, execution and periodic (at least once a year-see C-1024) review of policies ND 33-07-01.1-15
	□ Policies must be UpToDate with state requirements for midlevel standard of practice
C-0993	□ Participate with MD/DO in periodic review of patient health records
C-0995	□ Provides services in accordance with CAH policies, when a physician is not available
TRANSFER OF PATIENT	 Arranges for, or refers patients to, needed services & assures records are maintained and transferred as required.
C-0997	☐ Must send the patient's medical records.
	□ Need transfer policy and should be consistent with EMTALA

TAG	REQUIREMENT
PATIENT	□ Admitting privileges must be consistent with what state law allows.
ADMISSION	□ MD/DO notified when PA, NP, CNS admits a patient.
C-0998	☐ If PA, NP, CNS admits, MD/DO is responsible for med or psych problems outside the scope of practice of the admitting practitioner.
	 MD/DO is responsible for and monitoring the care of each Medicare/Medicaid patient for all medical problems during hospitalization.
C-0999	□ Periodic review of clinical privileges and performance by NP, CNS, PA
	 Quality and appropriateness of diagnosis and treatment are evaluated.
	 Review completed by MD/DO, can be via contract, by network member hospital, QIO, entity in State rural health plan.
	☐ Telemedicine — can be reviewed by distant site hospital or entity
COP C-1004	§485.635 Condition of Participation: Provision of Services
PATIENT CARE POLICIES	 Services provided as stated in written policy & consistent with state law (QA) ND 33-07- 01.1-17
C-1006 C-1008	☐ Maintain documentation of the policy and procedures committee activity. Must reflect
C-1000	any changes made.
	□ P&P committee must review existing and new P&Ps at least biennially .
	☐ Final decision on P&Ps is made by the board.
	☐ If the P&P recommendations by the advisory group are rejected, then the board must include in the record and the rational for the change
C-1010	 Policy/procedure on scope of services provided by CAH directly or through agreement/contract
	 Include statements like "taking complete medical histories, providing complete physical examinations, laboratory tests including" (with a list of tests provided) Include arrangements made with Hospital X to provide the following services with list of specialized diagnostic and lab testing
C-1012	 Policies for emergency care services show how CAH would meet all its emergency services requirements.
	☐ How the CAH provides 24-hour emergency care to its patients?
	What equipment, supplies, medications, blood, and blood products are maintained onsite, and which are readily available for treating emergency cases by agreement at other facilities?
	☐ What types of personnel are available to provide emergency services and what are their required onsite response times?
	☐ How the CAH coordinates with local emergency response systems?

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GUIDELINES FOR MEDICAL	 Conditions, signs, or developments requiring consultation and/or patient referral (to MD, others)
MANAGEMENT	☐ Guideline on maintaining medical record -health care record policies.
C-1014	Periodic review and evaluation of services
	□ Need to policy to include the scope of medical acts which may be done by PA, NP, CNS
	☐ Indicate what medical procedures the PA or NP can do.
	☐ Guidelines need to describe the medical conditions, signs or development that require consultation
DRUGS AND BIOLOGICALS C-1016	 Must identify the qualifications for and designate an individual who has overall responsibility for the CAH's pharmacy services, including development of the rules governing pharmacy services.
	 Policy and procedure must identify qualification of pharmacy director; including who can perform pharmacy services, supervision of pharmacy staff and identify standards used in developing policy and procedures (can cite as a reference)
	Storage of drugs and biologicals, including the location of storage areas, medication cars, and dispensing machines
	 Must have rules for drug storage, handling, dispensation and administration of drugs and biologicals area in accordance with accepted professional practices (C-0886, C-0922)
	□ Drugs stored according to manufacturer's directions and state and federal law.
	□ Drugs stored in locked room or container.
	Proper environmental conditions
	 CAH rules and policy and procedures must be consistent with standards or guidelines for pharmaceutical services and medication administration, such as USP, ASHP, ISMP, Infusion Nurses Society, IHI and National Coordinating Council and consistent with state and federal law.
	 Proper environmental conditions; follow manufacturer's recommendation. such as keep refrigerated, room temperature, out of light etc.
	Security
	 Consistent with state and federal law to address who is authorized access to the pharmacy or drug storage area.
	 Must have policies and procedures consistent with state and federal law of who has access and keys to drug and storage areas. (Housekeeping, security, or maintenance usually not given unsupervised access). Area restricted to personnel only are generally considered secure.
	 Given flexibility in non-controlled drugs such as do not have to be locked up when setting up for a procedure (OR would lock up when area not staffed)
	 Medication carts, anesthesia carts, epidural carts and non-automated medication carts with medications must be secure when not in use.
	 Policies and procedures are expected to address the security and monitoring of carts, locked, or unlocked, containing drugs and biologicals in all patient care areas.

Hand	Handling drugs and biologicals			
	Handling medications that include mixing or reconstituting according to manufacture recommendation. Includes compounding or admixing of sterile IVs or other drugs.			
Com	pounding			
	Compounding used or dispensed must be consistent with acceptable principles such as those described in USP/NF chapter.			
	Must be administered in accordance with accepted professional principles.			
	Must be able to demonstrate how all sterile and non-sterile compounded preparations dispensed and/or administered.			
	Must be able to provide evidence that standard operating procedures for compounding, if performed in-house, and for quality oversight of compounding, regardless of source, are consistent with accepted professional principles.			
	Included is compliance with USP 797 and USP 795 (preparation, storing, and transporting)			
	All compounded forms must be sterile including wound irrigation, eye drops and ointments, injections, infusions, nasal inhalation, etc.			
	Only pharmacy can reconstitute, mix, or compound a drug			
Us	e of outside compounders (outsourcing facilities)			
	Outsourcing facilities who compound drugs register and must comply with section 503B of the FDCA and other requirements such as the FDA's current good manufacturing practice (CGMP)			
	Must meet certain other conditions including reporting adverse drug events to the FDA.			
	If CAH obtains compounded medications from compounding pharmacy rather than a manufacturer or a registered outsourcing facility, then must demonstrate that medicine received have been prepared in accordance with acceptable principles.			
	Contract with the vendor would want to ensure CAH access to their quality data verifying their compliance with USP standards.			
	Should document you obtain and review this data.			
Disp	ensing drugs and biologicals			
	Dispensing medications, dispensed timely, follow all state laws.			
	Enough staff to provide accurate and timely medication delivery.			
	System so medications orders get to pharmacy promptly and are available when needed by the patient; (automated dispensing units outside the pharmacy, night cabinets, contracted services after hours via tele pharmacy contracting, on-call pharmacists, etc.)			
	Can use unit dose or floor stock system; Automated dispensing cabinets are secure option.			
	Need policy and procedures for who can access medications after hours (night cabinet standard)			

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	 Suggest policy and procedure on do not use abbreviations, high alert drug list, safety recommendation for high alert medications, quantities of medications dispensed to minimize diversion, limit overrides, return all meds in secure one-way return bin, etc.
	Administration of drugs and biologicals to patients
	 Must comply with applicable state law that governs the qualifications, certification, or licensure of staff who administer drugs and biologicals and must adhere to accepted standards of practice for medication administration.
	Record keeping for the receipt and disposition of all scheduled drugs.
	 Current, accurate records of receipt & disposition of scheduled drugs; a policy covers control of distribution, use and disposition from entry to disposition; can readily identify loss/diversion; records available.
	□ Pharmacy records detail flow of drugs from entry to disposition
	□ Pharmacy maintains control over drugs in all locations, including floor stock.
	☐ Maintaining records related to requisitioning and dispensing drugs.
	 Want locked storage of scheduled drugs when not in use; keep accurate counts to show use; Reconcile any discrepancies in the counts.
	Ensuring that outdated, mislabeled, or otherwise unusable drugs are not used for patient care.
	□ Ensure drugs are dispensed only by licensed pharmacist.
	☐ Must have pharmacy labeling, inspection, and inventory management.
	Need to make sure no outdated drugs or mislabeled drugs. Each individual drug must be labeled with name, strength of drug, lot and control number and expiration date, including "beyond use date" as applicable.
	 If multidose vial is opened, must have expiration date of 28 days on the label unless otherwise specified by the manufacturer.
	 Only pharmacists or pharmacy-supervised staff compound, label and dispense drugs.
	□ Surveyor to make sure drugs are secure.
	☐ How do you make sure no outdated drugs or mislabeled drugs?
	Assessing adverse drug reactions & medication administration errors
	☐ The surveyor will ask nursing if medications were dispensed in a timely manner.
	☐ The surveyor will ask what professional pharmacy principles pharmacy is using.
	 Must have a system for staff to report adverse drug reactions and medication administration errors

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	 Pharmacy services are expected to assess all such reports to determine if problems or errors in pharmacy services caused or contributed to the adverse reaction or medication administration error.
	☐ If a contracted service, how on-premises supervision is accomplished.
	☐ If a contracted service, MS approves the contract.
	 Pharmacist job description includes development, supervision, and coordination of all pharmacy services activities.
	 Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians perform only those duties within the scope of their license/education.
	☐ Pharmaceutical services can be provided as direct services or throughan agreement.
	 Does not require continuous on-premises supervision at the CAH's pharmacy
	 May be accomplished through regularly scheduled visits, and/or telemedicine in accordance with law and regulation and accepted professional principles.
	 A single pharmacist must be responsible for the overall administration of the pharmacy.
	 The pharmacist must be responsible for developing, supervising, coordinating all the activities of the CAH wide pharmacy services and be knowledgeable about CAH pharmacy practice and management.
	 Pharmacy must have sufficient staff in types, numbers, and training to provide quality services, including 24-hour, 7-day emergency coverage.
	 Need to have enough staff to provide accurate and timely medication delivery, ensure accurate and safe medication administration.
	□ Emergency kit with adequate contents — not outdated
REPORTING ADVERSE DRUG REACTION AND	 Procedures for reporting adverse drug reactions and errors (ADEs) in the administration of drugs is voluntary, non-punitive; include definitions.
ERROR	☐ ADR and medication errors that reach the patient must be reported to the practitioner.
C-1018	Staff must report ADR and errors; the report must be made immediately if it causes harm to the patient such as a phone call; if harm is not known then they must report immediately, if no harm then can inform practitioner in the morning.
	 Documentation of the error and notification of the practitioner must be made in the MR.
	☐ Must educate staff on medication errors and ADEs to facilitate reporting.
	☐ Must include reporting of near misses

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	☐ Must educate how and whom they are to be reported.
	 Consider taking other steps to identify errors and ADRs; can't just rely on incident reports; trigger drug analysis, observe medication passes, concurrent and retrospective reviews, medication usage evaluations for high alert drugs etc.
	□ Nursing staff should know what to do if there is a medication error (ME) or ADE
	 Process for reporting administration errors, adverse reactions, and drug incompatibilities immediately to the attending physician
	 Process for review and amendment of policy/procedures following reports of adverse events.
	 Process for reporting serious adverse drug reactions to the federal Med- Watch program.
	 QA/PI activities for errors/reactions include identifying potential corrective actions and are implemented, if appropriate
	 Consider non-punitive reporting system or people will not report errors (may balance with Just Culture)
	 Pharmacist should be readily available by telephone or other means to discuss drug therapy, interactions, side effects, dosage etc.
	☐ Know how drug information will be available at the nursing stations.
	 Pharmacy policy and procedure, formulary; have a pharmacy and therapeutic committee, record minutes of the committee meetings. Policies should include:
	 High alert medications with dosing limits, administration guidelines, packaging, labeling and storage.
	2. Limiting the variety of medication related devices and equipment
	3. Availability of up-to-date medication information
	 Availability of pharmacy expertise such as having a pharmacist available on call when pharmacy does not operate 24 hours a day.
	□ Standardization of prescribing and communication practices
	 Beers Criteria Medication list of inappropriate medications; drugs that should be avoided in patients who are over 65, includes drugs not to be used for certain diseases; American Geriatric Society- Beers List_ http://www.americangeriatrics.org/ (informational purposes only)
	 Who has access to the pharmacy? ONLY pharmacy supervisors, pharmacist, pharmacy techs should have access to the pharmacy.
	 Who has access to the pharmacy after hours? (Should only be one designated supervisory RN per shift)

TAG	REQUIREMENT
	What is the process for removal of medications from the pharmacy in the absence of the pharmacist? (Should only take the amount needed immediately, must have documentation of patient name, room number, name of drug, strength, amount, date, time, signature)
	 Written policy/procedure to require ADE be reported immediately to practitioner who ordered the drug.
	☐ Method to measure effectiveness of the reporting system/benchmark.
	 Proactively identify potential and actual ADEs: includes direct medication pass observe, MR review, ADR surveillance team, medication use evaluation for high-alert drugs; or noted automatically generate a drug regimen review. Review for specified drugs/patient (sole reliance on incident reports does not meet the intent of this element)
	☐ Availability of up-to-date medication use information, resources
	□ Availability of pharmacy expertise 24/7
	□ Investigation of cause for return of unused medications to pharmacy
	☐ High-alert meds with dosing limits, etc.
	□ Policy limiting the variety of medication-related devices & equipment.
	☐ Alert system for "look alike" and "sound alike" drugs.
	Policy standardization of prescribing and medication communication practices
	☐ The DO NOT USE abbreviations list.
	☐ Requirements for "complete" orders
	☐ Use of pre-printed orders whenever possible
	☐ How CAH incorporates external alerts/recommendations re:medication use safety
	 Preparation, distribution, administration, and proper disposal of hazardous medications
	□ Handling of medication recalls

TAG	REQUIREMENT
DIETARY	□ USDA dietary guidelines http://www.health.gov/dietaryguidelines/
	□ Therapeutic Diet Manual available to all staff and approved by Medical Staff
C-1020	 If the CAH furnishes inpatient services, procedures must be in place that ensure that the nutritional needs of inpatients are met in accordance with recognized dietary practice.
	 All diets are ordered by a practitioner responsible for patient OR qualified dietician or nutrition professional authorized by medical staff and per state law.
C-1022	 Dietary P&Ps are reviewed biennially by group of professional personnel and updated as necessary by the CAH.
COP C-1024	§485.635 Condition of Participation: Patient Services
PATIENT	☐ Annual review of direct care diagnostic & therapeutic services & supplies policies
SERVICES <i>C-1024</i>	 Must provide diagnostic and therapeutic services as those provided in doctor's office or at entry of healthcare organization like an outpatient department or ED- provide directly or under contract.
	 Must have supplies as that typically found in an ambulatory healthcare setting and a physician/s office.
	 Must provide adequate services, equipment, staff, and facilities adequate to provide the outpatient services. CAHs have flexibility to arrange for contracted services CMS removed the language requiring directly provided services in the areas of general diagnostic, therapeutic services, radiology services, laboratory services, and emergency procedures.
	 CMS expects CAHs to provide timely diagnosis and treatment of patients and expects general diagnostic and therapeutic, laboratory, radiology, and emergency services to be offered on-site
C-1026	CAH furnishes acute care inpatient services.
	□ Average LOS is 96 hours.
	 Must certify that Medicare patients may be expected to be discharged or admitted to a hospital within 96 hours.
	 CAH is not required to maintain a minimum average daily census of patients receiving inpatient acute care services or maintain a minimum number of beds that are to be used for inpatient services.
	□ Wii review if admits are <8% of ED visits.
	□ Verify that the CAH is furnishing acute care inpatient services by reviewing data on the number of patients admitted over the prior year.
	 Review a sample of records of the patients the CAH transferred and determine if transfers were appropriate.

COP C-1028	§485.635 Condition of Participation: Laboratory Services
LAB SERVICES C-1028	□ Lab Policies: basic services provided directly or through a contractual agreement with a certified laboratory; all procedures for tests performed whether available as routine and stat basis; cultures taken.
	□ Must provide emergency laboratory services 24 hours/ 7 days a week.
	 Basic lab services to include, urine dipstick, hemoglobin or hematocrit, blood glucose, stool for occult blood, pregnancy tests, primary culturing for transmittal
	ND 33-07-01.1-22.
	Scope & complexity; lab services must be provided directly at the CAH campus by CAH staff to facilitate immediate diagnosis and treatment of patient. The CAH must have a current/valid CLIA certificate or Certificate of Waiver for all tests performed and appropriate to the level of services performed: 24/7
	$\hfill \square$ Written description of tests available for emergency testing; list approved by MS.
	□ Reference labs
	 Policy and procedure for collection, preservation, transport, receipt & reporting of tissue specimens
	□ Quality control
	□ Policy to make sure all lab tests are recorded in the MR.
	□ Staff supervision, qualifications, orientation, training competencies
	□ Infection control standards
	☐ How ED care is available to patients experiencing adverse reactions.

COP C-1028	§485.635 Condition of Participation: Laboratory Services
RADIOLOGY SERVICES	☐ Supervision of the department by a credentialed member of the MS
	 Designation of staff qualified to operate equipment pieces of radiological equipment and/or administering patient procedures and approved by medical staff.
C-1030	 Review their personnel folders to determine if they meet the qualifications for tasks they perform, as established in the CAH's policies and consistent with state law. Written policy, consistent with state law on personnel to operate radiology equipment and do procedures ND 33-07-01.1-23.
	 Radiology Administration Policies: provided as a direct service; available 24/7; scope & complexity of services- approved by MS and governing body. /CEO; if interpretation of imaging internally or contracted; acceptable standards of practice; meeting patient & staff safety standards
	 Can offer a minimal set or more complex according to needs of thepatients; interpretation however can be contracted out.
	 Diagnostic, therapeutic, and nuclear medicine must be provided in accordance with acceptable standards of practice and must meet professionally approved standards for safety.
	 Scope or what you do has to be in writing and approved by MS and board and by standards recommended by nationally recognized professions such as the AMA and ACR
	 Periodic inspection of equipment & process for timely corrective action when needed.
	☐ Identification of which tests a radiologist must interpret, approved by MS.
	□ Only privileged providers order tests
	 A Radiologist or physician must sign (or electronically sign) all reports ND 33- 07-01.1-23.
	 Emergency radiation hazards, incidents, response & reporting, and procedures
	 X-ray machine and /or portable x-ray machine have a technique chart posted and radiation protection shielding.
	 Policy and procedures on adequate radiation shielding for patients, personnel and facilities which includes shielding built into physical plant, types of personal protective shielding to use and under what circumstances, types of containers to be used for radioactive materials and clear signage identifying hazardous radiation area.
	 Policy: labeling all radioactive materials, including waste; transportation between locations within CAH, control access to radioactive materials and provide testing of equipment for hazards
	 Periodic checking of staff regularly exposed to radiation for the level of radiation exposure, via exposure meters or badge tests.
	 Need copies of all reports and printouts, written policy and ensure integrity of authentication.
	☐ File storage, security, retrieval, HIPAA
	☐ Staff are trained on all policies and procedures, including radiation safety

TAG	REQUIREMENT
EMERGENCY	□ Emergency Procedures: see C-1026
PROCEDURES	 Must provide medical emergency services as a first response to common life- threatening injuries and acute illness.
C-1032	☐ Emergency Services can be done directly or by contracted services
CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS	□ Agreements with one or more Medicare participating providers/suppliers for care; (exception, distant-site providers/entities) (see C-0872 & C-0874)
C-1034	 Governing body assesses the quality of care provided under these agreements, etc.
	□ Describe routine procedures for obtaining outside labtests.
	 CAH's QA plan must access those services provided under arrangement, identify quality and performance problems, implement appropriate corrective or improvement activities, and ensure the monitoring and sustainability of those corrective or improvement activities.
CONTRACTED SERVICES	 Must have agreement or arrangement with one or more providers or suppliers participating under Medicare to provide service to patients.
C-1036	☐ Must have at least one MD or DO on its staff who is responsible.
	 If agreement(s) are not in writing, CAH can provide evidence referred patients are accepted and treated.
	 Need policy and procedures for referring patients it discharges those who need additional care.
DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES	 Lab or diagnostic services that are not available at the CAH- have an agreement with 1 or more providers, be sure referred patients are accepted and treated.
	 Need to make sure basic lab services are available to ensure an immediate diagnosis and treatment.
C-1038	Contracted lab must have CLIA certification.
	 Need policies and procedures for additional/specialized lab services covering collection preservation, transportation, receipt, and reporting of tissue specimen results.
FOOD AND DIETARY SERVICES C-1040	□ Agreement for food, nutritional services not provided directly by the CAH is available.
CONTRACTED SERVICES	 Keep a list of all contracted/agreement services is maintained, current, AND CONTAINS ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION:
C-1042	Services being offeredEntity providing service
	 Entity providing service Services offered onsite or offsite
	When services are available

TAG	REQUIREMENT
C-1044	 Must include services offered, individual or entity that is providing it, and whether on or off-site.
	$\hfill\square$ Must include if any limit on the volume or frequency of the services provided.
	 Update list each time services added or removed. The individual principally responsible for the CAH's operations is responsible. for agreements and oversight of those services
	 All agreements require the contractor to provide services in compliance with CoPs
	□ CEO demonstrates how they have an oversight of all contracted services
	□ Provide specific examples of how CEO assures services comply with the CoP.
COP C-1028	§485.635 Condition of Participation: Nursing Services
NURSING	□ Services under the direction of an RN ND 33-07-01.1-16
C-1046	 Must designate an individual who is responsible for nursing services, including development of policies and procedures for nursing services and ongoing review analysis of quality of nursing care.
	□ Nursing services must meet the needs of all patients.
	□ How unit(s) adequately staffed & supervised.
	□ All agency nurses must be oriented and supervised.
	 Will review nursing care plans, medical records, accident and investigate reports, staff schedules and policies/procedures.
	 Orientation includes units, emergency preparation, nursing policy/procedure, safety policy/procedure, including agency nurses.
	$\ \square$ Must have RN, LPN, or CNS on duty whenever the CAH has one or more patients.
	□ Must ensure appropriate staffing for outpatient nursing services.
	 Must have enough supervisory and non-supervisory personnel to meet patient needs.
	□ RN must provide nursing care to each patient or make assignments.
	 How RN provides or assigns qualified care giver for each patient, including swing bed and SNF patients
	 Ensure all nursing personnel assigned to provide nursing care have the appropriate education, experience, licensure, competence, and specialized qualifications
	☐ How RN must supervise, and evaluations evaluate the nursing care for each patient
C-1048	 How does the CAH ensure that staffing schedules correlate to thenumber and acuity of patients, including swing-bed patients.

TAG	REQUIREMENT
ALL DRUGS, BIOLOGICALS, AND IV	 All drugs, biological and IV meds, must be administered by or under supervision of a RN, MD, DO, or PA- in accordance with written and signed orders, accepted standards of practice, federal and state laws.
MEDICATIONS	 Orders for drugs & biologicals, including verbal orders, are legible, timed, dated & authenticated by practitioner (need signed order)
C-1049	□ Policy and procedure must specify who can administer meds.
	 Policy that describes limitations or prohibitions on use of VO. Provide a mechanism to ensure validity/authenticity of the prescribers. List elements to be included in verbal orders. List and define the individuals who may send and receive VO and provide guidelines for clear and effective communication of VO.
	 Policies and procedures for verbal and standing orders.
	 Practitioner must authenticate orders as soon as possible. Standing orders must include how it is developed, approved, monitored, and updated. Must include when staff can initiate a standing order. Must include that the standing order is signed off. List of things that must be in the verbal order. Establish protocols for clear and effective communication and verification of VO. CMS expects nationally accepted read-back verification practice to be implemented for every VO.
	 Telephone and verbal orders must be used infrequently and limited to urgent situations.
	□ Policy on identification of patient prior to administration of drugs
	 Medication passes-policy/procedure approved by MS as to who can pass medications.
	□ Need QA plan to see if administration of drugs is regularly monitored.
	□ CAH must ensure compliance with the following requirements concerning:
	□ Minimum content of medication orders:
	 Name of patient Age and weight of patient- policy and procedure must address weight-based dosing. Date and time of the order Drug name Exact strength or concentration Dose, frequency, and route Dose calculation requirements, when applicable Quantity and/or duration when applicable Specific instructions for use Name of prescriber

TAG	REQUIREMENT
	 Policy self-administration of medications, if the CAH permits this, needs an order.
	☐ Training; safe handling and preparation of drugs
	□ Basic safe practices; five rights
	□ Policy timing of medication administration; specify timeframes.
	 Policies include what staff is to do when there are missed or late medications.
	 Assessment/monitoring of patients receiving medications. Policy and procedure on how frequent to monitor patient. Factors that put patients at greater risk for adverse events and respiratory depression. Communicate in report and hand offs. High alert medications assess sedation level.
	 Policies and procedures are in place regarding self-administered medications.
	 Intravenous (IV) medications; Need correct choice of vascular access device to deliver blood and medications. Policy and procedure to address which ones can be given IV and via what type of access.
	□ Policy on monitoring patients receiving Opioids (respiratory and sedation levels)
	□ Documentation IV Blood Administration Procedures:
	 Policy and procedure to include how frequent you monitor the patient and do vital signs.
	☐ How to identify and treat and report an adverse transfusion reaction
	 Two qualified persons, one who is administering the transfusion; document, verify correct blood product, confirm correct patient
FIRST DOSE RULE North Dakota 61-07-01-14	 A hospital pharmacy must have a pharmacist review all medication order prior to the first dose being administered to the patient. Policies and procedures must be put into place to ensure this compliance. ND 61-07-01-14
Pharmacist First Dose Review	☐ Either a pharmacist onsite or the use of hospital tele pharmacy services will be sufficient to comply with the requirement ND 61-07-01-14
	☐ All prescribers' medication orders (except in emergency situations) should be reviewed for appropriateness by a pharmacist before first dose is dispensed.
	☐ Therapeutic appropriateness of a patient's medication regimen
	□ Therapeutic duplication
	□ Appropriateness of the route and method of administration
	 Medication-medication, medication-food, medication-laboratory test, and medication-disease interactions

TAG	REQUIREMENT
	 Clinical and laboratory data to evaluate the efficacy of medication therapy to anticipate or evaluate toxicity and adverse effects.
	 Physical signs and clinical symptoms relevant to the patient's medication therapy.
	 Preparation of sterile products in an appropriate environment, labeled by appropriately trained and qualified personnel.
	 Pharmacy should participate in CAH decisions about emergency medication kits i.e., stroke ER toolkit.
	 Supply and provision of emergency medication stored in the kits must be consistent with standards of practice and appropriate for a specified age group or disease treatment.
	 Pharmacy participation in evaluating, using and monitoring drug delivery systems, administration devices, drug-dispensing machines.
	□ Medication preparation procedures.
	 Using a laminar airflow hood or other appropriate environment while preparing any intravenous (IV) admixture in the pharmacy, any sterile product made from non-sterile ingredients, or any sterile product that will not be used within 24 hours; and visually inspecting the integrity of the medications.
COP C-1050	§485.635 Condition of Participation: Nursing Care Plans
NURSING CARE PLANS	 The nursing care plan started on admission and included discharge planning. The care plan must be kept current on all patients based on assessment and updated upon reassessment or changes in patient condition.
C-1050	 Plans must describe goals, discharge planning, physiological and psychosocial factors.
	☐ Goals must be identified, measurable, and known to all appropriate personnel ND 33-07-01.1-17
	☐ Must be kept as part of medical record.
REHABILITATION SERVICES	 Rehab services are provided by qualified staff, including PT, OT, and speech language pathology.
	 Rehab is an optional service can be provided directly or through contracted services
C-1052	 Must have an order, policy, and procedure, and be consistent with the (American PT Association, American OT Association etc.)
	 Must do a Plan of Care (POC) before treatment is started. Can be done by MD/DO, PA, NP, and CNS. Can be done by PT, speech language pathologist or OT who is furnishing the service. Any change in plan must be in accordance with provider's policy and procedure

TAG	REQUIREMENT
COP C-1054	§485.635 Condition of Participation: Patient Visitation Rights
VISITATION RIGHTS	□ Includes inpatients and outpatients.
	Role of support person for both inpatient and outpatient
C-1054	Patient may want support person present during pre-op preparation or post- op recovery.
REASONABLE	Reasonable Restrictions
RESTRICTIONS	□ Infection control issues
	Can interfere with the care of other patients.
	□ Court order restricting contact.
	□ Disruptive or threatening behavior
	☐ A roommate needs rest or privacy.
	□ Substance abuse treatment plan
	□ Patients undergoing care interventions.
	Restriction for children under certain age
VISITATION	Visitation
	□ Policy regarding patient rights.
	□ Need to train staff on the policy and procedure.
	 Patients must be informed of his or her visitation rights. Staff need to speak to how notifications to patients are provided.
	 Need to determine role staff will play in controlling visitor access and can describe the policy for a surveyor.
	☐ Surveyor will verify you have a policy and procedure.
	☐ Written policy includes clear explanation of visitation restriction/limitations.
	 Document that staff are trained.
	 Inform each patient or their support person, when appropriate, of their visitation rights
	☐ Include notifying patients or support person, of any restrictions.
	☐ Patients get to decide who their visitors are.
	 Cannot discriminate against same sex domestic partners, friend, family member etc. Treat all individuals seeking to visit equally without preference.
	 Cannot discriminate against race, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability.
	 Support person does not have to be the same person as the durable power of attorney (DPOA)

C-1056	 Support person can be friend, family member or other individual who supports the patient during their stay (patient advocate)
0 2000	 Support person can exercise patient's visitation rights on their behalf if patient unable to do so.
	 Hospitals must accept patient's designation of an individual or a support. Person: 1. whether orally or in writing, 2. suggested to get in writing from patient
C-1058	☐ When the patient is incapacitated and has no advance directives on file then must accept individual who tells you they are the support person
	 Hospitals are expected to accept this unless two individuals claim to be the support person then can ask for documentation.
	1. This includes same sex partners, friends, or family members.
	2. Need a policy on how to resolve this issue.
	 Any refusal to be treated as the support person must be documented in the medical record along with specific reason for the refusal.
	□ Patients can withdraw consent and change their mind.
	☐ Must document in the medical record that the notice was given.
	☐ Educate staff on what a support person is and what it means.

TAG	REQUIREMENT
COP C-1100	§485.638 Condition of Participation: Clinical Records
MEDICAL RECORDS	 Must maintain clinical medical records system in accordance with policy/procedures. ND 33-07-01.1-20
C-1102	□ MR policies review and revision periodically
	 MR system ensures integrity of authentication and protects security of record entries.
	 MR department staff qualified & can comply with state federal law ND 33-07- 01.1-20
	 Promptly completed in accordance with state, federal law. Have a current list of authenticates signatures, computer codes and signature stamps. Protected and authorized by governing body, cross reference inpatient and outpatients.
	☐ Limit access to only those authorized people.
	□ What specific actions will constitute a security incident?
	 How incidents will be documented, including what information should be contained in the documentation.
	What incidents must be reported? How often and to whom? What information reports should include?
	☐ Must cross reference inpatients and outpatients.
	 If transfer to swing bed can use one MR but need divider to show different level of care and transition.
	 Both inpatient and swing bed must have MR- admission, discharge orders, progress notes, nursing notes, graphics, laboratory support documents, any other pertinent documents, and discharge summaries.
	 Have a system that you can pull any old MR in the past 6 years, 24/7 for inpatient and outpatient.
	□ Protect MR confidentiality and from damage, flood, fire, etc.
ACCURACY	 MR is legible, complete, accurate, readily accessible, systematically organized.
C-1104	 Ensure accurate and complete documentation of all orders, test results, evaluation
C-1106	Designated member of professional staff responsible for
	maintaining/ensuring records.

INFORMED CONSENT <i>C-1110</i>	 Verify what procedures or treatments require informed consent. MR-required elements – Identification and social data, informed consent forms for any procedures or surgical procedures. What precautions are taken to ensure confidentiality and prevent
	unauthorized persons from gaining access.
	 MR retention period is 6 years and longer – Need system that can pull any old MR within this time frame
	Informed Consent: Form should contain at least the following: name of patient, and when appropriate, patient's legal guardian; name of CAH; Name of procedure(s); name of practitioner(s) performing the procedures(s); signature of patient or legal guardian
	Consent form must include: Date and time consent is obtained; statement that procedure was explained to patient or guardian; signature of professional person witnessing the consent; name/signature of personwho explained the procedure to the patient or guardian
	 Discharge Summary- outcome CAH stay, disposition of patient, provisions for follow up care, required for all hospital stays and prior to and after swing bed admit
	 Discharge Summary- MD/DO may delegate to PA/NP if state allows it. Verification that MS has specified which procedures or treatments need informed consent
	□ Surveyor will do review of closed and open MR at least 10% of avg daily census
H&P REQUIREMENTS	☐ All or part of H&P may be delegated to other practitioners MD/DO assumes responsibility and sign.
C-1114	Bylaws require physical exam and reflect when H&P must be completed.
RESPONSE TO TREATMENT C-1116	 Important to describe the patient's response to treatment; all orders, reports on treatment and medications, nursing notes, documentation of complications, other information used to monitor the patients such as progress notes, lab tests, graphics Important to be sure MR are filed promptly and timely. All MR must contain all lab reports, radiology reports, all vital signs and reports of treatment include complications and hospital acquired infections, and all unfavorable reaction to drugs

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MEDICAL RECORD	 Must maintain a record of each patient that includes dated signatures of the MD/DO or other health care professional.
C-1118	□ Provider signatures are dated; time of entries documented.
	 Entries in MR- only done by those specified in the MS Policy/procedure can write in the MR- need date, time and authenticated.
	 If rubber stamps are used- person must sign they will be the only one who uses it; must have sanctions for improper use of stamp, computer key or code signature.
	□ Computer or other code signatures are authorized by governing body.
	□ List of codes is maintained using adequate safeguards.
	 Policies and procedures are in place and provide appropriate sanctions for unauthorized/improper use of computer codes.
	☐ Have date and time when a verbal order is signed off.
COP C-1120	§485.638 Condition of Participation: Protection of Record Information
	 Confidentiality, safeguards against loss, destruction, or unauthorized use
C-1120	 Access to information is limited to those who need to know.
	□ Safeguard MR, videos, audio
	 Only authorized people can access MR contained in MR department.
	 Precautions are taken to prevent physical/electronic altering, damage/deletion/destruction of records or information in the record
	☐ Written policy/procedure governs the use and removal of MR.
C-1122	 Remember the federal HIPAA law on MR confidentiality and privacy and ARRA, HITECH, and breach notification law.
	□ Written policy/procedure govern release of information in MR
C-1124	 Patient's written consent required for release of MR information not required by law
COP C-1126	§485.638 Condition of Participation: Retention of Records
RETENTION OF RECORDS	 Ensure that records will be retained (i.e., through a written procedure) for at least 10 years from date of last entry. ND 33-07-01.1-20.
C-1126	□ Medical records can be promptly retrieved.
COP C-1140	§485.639 Condition of Participation: Surgical Services.
	 Performed in safe manner by qualified practitioners with current privileges granted by governing body ND 33-07-01.1-29.
	 Must follow standards of practice and recommendations by national recognized organizations (AMA, ACOS, APIC, AORN)
	☐ Appropriate equipment and types and numbers of personnel are present.
	☐ Quality of outpatient surgical services must be consistent with inpatient.

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	☐ Scope of surgical services must be in writing and approved by MS.
	 OR supervised by experienced staff members, address qualifications of supervisor of OR rooms in policy and procedures and authorized by state law ND 33-07-01.1-29
	 If LPN or scrub nurses are used, the RN supervision who is immediately available to physically step in as needed.
	 Written policies and procedures are in place, implemented and enforced and address:
	□ Aseptic surveillance & technique; scrub techniques
	□ Identification of infected and non-infected cases
	 Housekeeping in OR –requirements/procedures between patients and terminal procedures.
	□ Pre-operative work-up requirements: pre-operative H & P
	□ Consents informed and releases.
	□ Clinical procedures
	□ Safety practices
	□ Patient identification procedures
	□ Scrub and circulating nurse duties.
	□ Personnel policies unique to OR
	□ Surgical counts in accordance with accepted standards of practice
	□ Scheduling of patients for surgery
	□ Resuscitation techniques
	□ DNR status
	□ Care of surgical specimens
	□ Malignant hypothermia
	□ Surgical procedure protocols (equipment, materials, supplies needed)
	□ Sterilization and disinfection procedures
	 CAHs biomedical equipment program to include equipment monitoring, inspected, tested, and maintained.
	□ Acceptable OR attire
	☐ Handling infections and biomed waste
	Post-op care in accordance with acceptable standards of practice
	 Must have adequate provisions for immediate post op care, in accordance with acceptable standards of care (ASPAN)

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	 Complete H&P must be done in accordance with acceptable standards of practice.
	 All or part of H&P may be delegated to other practitioners (PA, NP) if allowed by state law and CAH. ND 33-07-01.1-29
	□ Surgeon must sign and assume full responsibility.
	□ H&P on chart prior to surgery
	□ Properly executed informed consent form is in the record and includes:
	□ Name of patient/legal guardian
	□ Name of CAH
	□ Name of Procedure
	□ Name of practitioner performing procedure/important aspects
	□ Signature of patient/legal guardian
	□ Date and time consent obtained.
	□ Statement procedure explained to patient/guardian.
	□ Signature of professional person witnessing consent
	□ Name/signature of person who explains procedure.
	□ Recovery room separate from CAH, access limited.
	□ Transfer requirements to and from recovery room
	☐ The operating room register includes required information.
	□ Operative report
	 OR organizational chart shows lines of authority and delegation within the department.
	□ On-call system
	 Cardiac monitor, defibrillator, aspirator, suction equipment, and tracheotomy set.
	 Equipment available for rapid and routine sterilization of OR materials, equipment monitored, inspected, tested, and maintained by the CAHs biomedical equipment program.
	 Sterilized materials are packaged, handled, labeled, and stored in a manner that ensures sterility i.e., in a moisture and dust-controlled environment, Policy and procedure on expiration dates.

TAG	REQUIREMENT
COP C-1142	§485.639 Condition of Participation: Designation of Qualified Practitioners
SURGICAL	 Designation of qualified practitioners: surgery performed only by MD, DO, dentists, oral surgeons, or Podiatrist when privileged to do so by governing body Surgical privileges are specified in writing must designate who are allowed
PRIVILEGES	to perform surgery, need policy/procedures. Update privileges every 2 years
C-1142	 MS appraisal procedure must evaluate each practitioner's training, education, experience and demonstrated competence
	 When Supervision required – MD/DO surgeon is in the same room working on same patient
	 As established by the QI program, credentialing, adherence to hospital policy/procedures, and laws
	 There is a current list of surgeons with specific surgical privileges and list of surgeons suspended /limited privileges
ANESTHESIA	 Surgical risk assessment immediately before surgery by qualified practitioner
C-1144	 Pre-anesthesia risk assessment immediately before surgery by qualified practitioner
	☐ Anesthesia recovery evaluation before discharge by qualified practitioner
	 Post anesthesia follow-up report must be written on all inpatients and outpatients prior to discharge.
	☐ Written by the individual who is qualified to administer the anesthesia.
	 Must include at a minimum: cardiopulmonary status, LOC, follow-up care and/or observations and any complications occurring during PACU.
ANESTHESIA ADMINISTRATION C-1145	 Anesthesia service shall establish policies, procedures, rules, and regulations for the control, storage, and safe use of combustible anesthetics, oxygen, and other medicinal gases in accordance with national fire protection association standards; types of anesthesia to be administered and procedures for each; personnel permitted to administer anesthesia; infection control; safety regulations to be followed; and responsibility for regular inspection, maintenance, and repair of anesthesia equipment and supplies. ND 33-07-01.1-32 MS bylaws include criteria for determining anesthesia and other surgical care practitioners' privileges.
SUPERVISION C-1147	 CRNA may administer under supervision of operating practitioners or anesthesiologist; supervising practitioner must be immediately available to provide hands-on intervention when needed.

TAG	REQUIREMENT
DISCHARGE	□ Policy in place to govern discharge procedures and instructions.
C-1149	 Patients discharged in the company of a responsible adult unless exempted by doctor.
STATE EXEMPTION C-1150	□ MD/DO supervision of CRNA can be exempted by the state.
COP C-1200	§485.640 Condition of Participation: Infection Prevention and Control and Antibiotic Stewardship Programs
INFECTION PREVENTION PROGRAM C-1200 C-1204 C-1208 C-1210	 Establish a written infection control plan – Aseptic techniques, universal precautions. Inspect and clean air-intake sources, screens, and filters following manufacturer's recommendations and hospital policy ND 33-07-01.1-14 CAH has an active facility-wide program for surveillance, prevention and control of HAIs and other infectious diseases and for the optimization of antibiotic use through stewardship. Program addresses optimization of antibiotic use Must follow nationally recognized infection control practices or guidelines (CDC, APIC, SHEA, AORN and OSHA) Infection prevention and control and antibiotic use issues are addressed in QAPI program. Infection Preventionist who is qualified by education and experience to be responsible for (include in job description), for CAH Infection Control Program Infection Preventionist is appointed by the Board upon recommendations of medical staff and nursing leadership. Program has policies and procedures documenting methods used for preventing and controlling transmission of infections within and between healthcare settings. Sanitary Environment Program includes maintaining a clean and sanitary environment to avoid transmission of infection. Program includes infection control issues identified by public health authorities. Infection prevention and control program reflects scope and complexity of service provided.
	ND CAH Conditions of Participation (CoP) Checklist

TAG	REQUIREMENT
Leadership IC/Antibiotic Stewardship C-1225, 1229,	 The governing body, or responsible individual, must ensure all the following: Systems are in place and operational for the tracking of all infection surveillance, prevention and control, and antibiotic use activities, in order to demonstrate the implementation, success, and sustainability of such activities. All HAIs and other infectious diseases identified by the infection prevention and control program as well as antibiotic use issues identified by the antibiotic stewardship program are addressed in collaboration with the CAH's QAPI leadership.
	The infection prevention and control professional(s) are responsible for:
C-1231, C-1235, C-1237, C-1240,	 The development and implementation of facility-wide infection surveillance, prevention, and control policies and procedures that adhere to nationally recognized guidelines.
C-1242,	 All documentation, written or electronic, of the infection prevention and control program and its surveillance, prevention, and control activities(iii)
	 Communication and collaboration with the CAH's QAPI program on infection prevention and control issues.
	 Competency-based training and education of CAH personnel and staff, including medical staff, and, as applicable, personnel providing contracted services in the CAH, on the practical applications of infection prevention and control guidelines, policies, and procedures.
	 The prevention and control of HAIs, including auditing of adherence to infection prevention and control policies and procedures by CAH personnel.
	Communication and collaboration with the antibiotic stewardship program
	The leader(s) of the antibiotic stewardship program is responsible for:
C-1244, C-1246, C-1248	 The development and implementation of a facility-wide antibiotic stewardship program, based on nationally recognized guidelines, to monitor and improve the use of antibiotics.
	 All documentation, written or electronic, of antibiotic stewardship program activities.
	 Communication and collaboration with medical staff, nursing, and pharmacy leadership, as well as the CAH's infection prevention and control and QAPI programs, on antibiotic use issues.
	 Competency-based training and education of CAH personnel and staff, including medical staff, and, as applicable, personnel providing contracted services in the CAHs, on the practical applications of antibiotic stewardship guidelines, policies, and procedures.
COP C-1300	§485.641 Condition of Participation: Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement Program
QUALITY ASSESSMENT & PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT C-1300	 □ A CHA-wide data-driven quality assessment and performance improvement program has been developed, implemented, and maintained. □ There is evidence of the effectiveness of the QAPI program

TAG	REQUIREMENT
C-1302	□ The complexity of the QAPI is appropriate to the CAH's size and services Provided.
C-1306	☐ The QAPI program is ongoing.
	 Involve all departments of the CAH and services (including those services furnished under contract or arrangement.
C-1309	☐ Use objective measures to evaluate its organizational processes, functions and services.
C-1311	 Address outcome indicators related to improved health outcomes and the prevention and reduction of medical errors, adverse events, CAH acquired conditions, and transitions of care, including readmissions.
C-1313	The CAH's governing body or responsible individual is:
	☐ Ultimately responsible for the CAH's QAPI program.
	The CAH must:
C-1315 C-1319	 Focus on measures related to improved health outcomes that are shown to be predictive of desired patient outcomes.
C-1321	 Use the measures to analyze and track its performance. Set priorities for performance improvement, considering either high volume, high-risk services, or problem prone areas.
C-1325	□ The program must incorporate quality indicator data including patient care data, and other relevant data to achieve the goals of the QAPI program.

TAG	REQUIREMENT
	Quality Indicators
HEALTHCARE	☐ All patient care services and other services affect patient health & safety.
ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS (HAI)	 Evaluate the quality of care of allied staff (NP, PA, CNS) by doctor on MSor under contract.
	□ Does CAH evaluate nosocomial infections?
	 Is there an infection control program established, meetings held, findings discussed, and problems addressed?
	□ Does the CAH evaluate medication therapy?
PEER REVIEW	☐ MD/DO evaluations of quality & appropriateness of PA, NP, or CNS. How is this documented for the evaluation?
	How does the physician inform the CAH of any problems with the care provided by the advanced practitioners?
	☐ Are CRNA's evaluated by physicians with anesthesia experience/training?
QUALITY ASSURANCE	 MD/DO care evaluated by hospital who is a member of the network; QIO or equivalent entity; appropriate & qualified entity identified in the state rural health care plan.
	 CAH have an arrangement for outside entity to review the appropriateness of the diagnosis and treatment provided by each MD/DO providing services; This includes doctors providing telemedicine services.
	 Some CAHs may also prefer to conduct their own internal review in addition to the outside review but not required
QUALTIY ASSESSMENT	 Staff consider the findings and evaluations and recommendations of the evaluations and take corrective action.
	 Take steps to remedial action to address deficiencies found through quality assessment and performance improvement.
	☐ Identify who is responsible for implementing actions
DEFICIENCY	 CAH takes appropriate remedial action to address deficiencies found thru QI Process.
	Who determines the appropriate remedial action and who is responsible for implementing the remedial action?
	□ CAH documents the outcome of all remedial action

TAG	REQUIREMENT
COP C-1400	§485.643 Condition of Participation: Discharge Planning
DISCHARGE PLANNING	 Must have an effective discharge planning process that focuses on the patients' goals and treatment preferences.
C-1400	
DISCHARGE PLANNING PROCESS C-1404	□ Identify, at an early stage of hospitalization, patients likely to suffer adverse health consequences
DISCHARGE PLANNING EVALUATION C-1406	 Discharge planning evaluation must be timely to identify needs prior to discharge to avoid delay in discharge.
DISCHARGE PLANNING EVALUATION C-1408	☐ Identify post care services needed, such as hospice and home care.
DISCHARGE PLANNING EVALUATION C-1410	 Discharge evaluation must include the patients' medical record for use in establishing an appropriate discharge plan and this plan must be discussed with patient/family/caregiver.
DISCHARGE PLANNING EVALUATION C-1412	□ Upon the request of the patient's physician, the CAH must arrange for the development of the discharge plan for the patient.
DISCHARGE PLANNING EVALUATION C-1417	□ Discharge plans must be developed or under the supervision of a RN, or social worker, or qualified personnel.
DISCHARGE PLANNING EVALUATION C-1420	□ Discharge planning process must require regular re-evaluation.

DISCHARGE PLANNING EVALUATION C-1422	☐ The discharge planning process must be assessed on a regular basis. Must include a review of a representative number of discharge plans, including patients readmitted within 30 days.
DISCHARGE PLANNING EVALUATION C-1425	☐ CAH must assist patients, families, or representatives in selecting a post care provider.
DISCHARGE PLANNING EVALUATION C-1430	□ CAH must discharge the patient, transfer or refer, and provide all necessary medical information to the post care service or provider.
COP C-1500	§485.643 Condition of Participation: Organ, Tissue, and Eye Procurement
ORGAN DONATION C-1500	☐ Must have written policies/procedures that address organ procurement responsibilities
C-1503	 Written agreement with OPO & OPO's responsibilities Survey and Certification 13-48-OPO CMS July 26, 2013, all hospitals have written agreements in place with their OPO to notify them of an imminent death or of a death which has occurred. OPO regulations at §486.322 (a) require that OPOs have a written agreement in place with 95 percent of all participating Medicare and Medicaid hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals that have both a ventilator and an operating room Written agreement includes criteria for referral, definition of imminent death, timely notification
C-1505	□ Includes agreement with at least one tissue bank and at least one eye bank
C-1507	 Ensures the family of each potential donor is informed of the option of donating- designated requestor
C-1509	□ Encourages discretion, sensitivity to family
C-1511	 Works with OPO in death records review to improve identification of potential donors This standard includes staff training on donation issues and their duties/roles- see the interpretation guidelines for all required elements of staff training

SNF Care	§485.645 Special Requirements for CAH Providers of Long-Term Care Services ("Swing-Beds").
SWING BED	☐ Requirements to be granted approval to provide post-CAH SNF level- of- care.
	☐ Must be certified by CMS.
C-1600	3-day rule only applies to Medicare patients
	□ No LOS restriction for CAH-SB patients
	☐ No requirement to use MDS for patient access/care planning
5110101117	☐ Must be certified as a CAH.
ELIGIBILITY C-1602	
	☐ Have no more than 25 inpatient beds
	☐ CAH has a Medicare provider agreement
PAYMENT	Payment for inpatient rural primary care hospital and SNF-level of care services
C-1606 SNF SERVICES	☐ Resident rights- exercise of, notice of their rights to request, refuse.
RIGHTS	☐ Right to be informed in advance of changes to the plan of care
C-1608	
	 Right to retain and use personal possessions include furnishingsand clothing as space permits.
	□ Right to share room with spouse and both consent to arrangement
	☐ Access to immediate family and friends and residents can change mind.
	☐ Right to receive and send mail including means other than the post office.
	 Must notify of any charges not covered by Medicare/Medicaid at time of admission and periodically and if resident becomes eligible for Medicaid.
	☐ Has right to personal privacy and confidentiality
	Right to receive written and telephone communication
	☐ Right to secure medical records and to refuse release of records.
	☐ Refer to Appendix PP (749 pages) for the interpretive guidelines.
	☐ Also refer to Appendix PP for survey procedure on patient rights
	☐ Appendix PP is the interpretive guidelines for long-term care facilities
ADMISSION,	☐ Admission, transfer, and discharge rights.
TRANSFER,	□ Notice of transfer/Timing.
DISCHARGE	Documentation in patient's medical record.
C-1610	
C-1010	

TAG	REQUIREMENT
FREEDOM FROM	□ Freedom from abuse, neglect, and exploitation
ABUSE/NEGLECT	☐ CAH conducts proper investigation, completes reporting requirements, has written policies and procedures that prevent abuse, neglect, and exploitation of patients.
C-1612	□ Ensure that all alleged violations involving abuse, neglect, exploitation or mistreatment, including injuries of unknown source and misappropriation of resident property, are reported immediately, but not later than 2 hours after the allegation is made, if the events that cause the allegation involve abuse or result in serious bodily injury, or not later than 24 hours if the events that cause the allegation do not involve abuse and do not result in serious bodily injury, to the administrator of the facility and to other officials (including to the State Survey Agency and adult protective services where state law provides for jurisdiction in long-term care facilities) in accordance with State law through established procedures.
SOCIAL SERVICES C-1616	 Medically related social services are provided to attain/maintain highest practicable physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being of patient
RESIDENT ASSESSMENT, CARE	 Comprehensive assessment, care plan and discharge planning, but no MDS/RAI
PLAN DISCHARGE SUMMARY	 Must Assessment if significant change (excludes re-admission if no significant change in condition.)
C-1620	 Assessment should include the following: Identification and demographic information
	Customary routine Cagnitive patterns
	Cognitive patternsCommunication and Vision
	Mood and behavior patterns
	Psychosocial well-being
	 Physical functioning and structural problems
	ContinenceDisease diagnoses and health conditions
	Dental and nutritional status
	Skin condition
	 Activity pursuit
	 Medications
	Special treatments and proceduresDischarge planning
	 Documentation of summary information regarding the additional
	assessment performed by completion on the MDS or Minimum Data Sheet
	 Documentation of participation in assessment
	 Must do direct observation and communicate with resident and licensed members on all shifts.
	ND CAH Conditions of Participation (CoP) Checklist

TAG	REQUIREMENT
TAG	Must do a comprehensive care plan that include measurable objectives to meet patient's needs. Care plan to include: If patient refuses treatment Include any specialized services as result of the PASARR recommendations (Preadmission Screening and Resident Review Process) Goals for admission and desired outcomes Preferences and potential for discharge- must document whether wants to return to the community and document any referrals to local contact agencies and include discharge plans. Care plan must be developed within 7 days after comprehensive assessment done. Interdisciplinary team should develop objectives to attain highest level of functioning. Review and revise as necessary, such as after each assessment Services provided by staff who are culturally competent, qualified and who meet standards of quality. Discharge Summary to include: Recapitulation of the resident's stay Includes diagnosis, course of illness and treatment, pertinent lab, x-rays, or consult results. Final summary of the resident's status Medication reconciliation Care plan and discharge planning, refer to Appendix PP of the SOM for interpretive guidelines and survey procedure
SNF Care	§485.645 Specialized Rehabilitation Services
REHABILITATION C-1622	Specialized rehab services- provided directly or contracted, such as but not limited to physical therapy, speech-language pathology, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy and rehabilitative services for a mental disorder and intellectual disability or services of a lesser intensity Facility must provide the required service May get from outside source. Need physician order Refer to Appendix PP of the SOM for interpretive guidelines and survey procedure

DENTAL	 Dental services- CAH assist residents in obtaining routine and 24-hour emergency dental care.
C-1624	□ May charge a Medicare resident for routine and emergency dental services.
C-1024	 Must have a policy identifying when loss or damage to dentures is facility's responsibility so may not charge a resident.
	 Must refer residents within 3 days for lost or damaged dentures and document what they eat or drink in the meantime.
	 Refer to Appendix PP of the SOM for interpretive guidelines and survey procedure
NUTRITION	 Assisted nutrition and hydration. Includes naso-gastric and gastrostomy tubes, both percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy and percutaneous endoscopic jejunostomy, and enteral fluids
C-1626	 Based on assessment, must make sure maintains usual body weight and electrolyte balance
	□ Is offered sufficient fluid intake.
	 Refer to Appendix PP of the State Operations Manual (SOM) for interpretive guidelines and for survey procedure

Survey Preparation Recommendations Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Meaning
ABGs	Arterial Blood Gases
ACOS	American College of Osteopathic Surgeons
ACR	American College of Radiology
ADE	Adverse Drug Event
ADR	Adverse Drug Reaction
AEM	Alternative Equipment Maintenance
AIA	American Institute of Architects
AMA	American Medical Association
ANA	American Nurses Association
AORN	Association of Operating Room Nurses
APA	American Pharmacy Association
APIC	Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
ASHP	American Society of Healthcare System Pharmacist Foundation
ASPAN	Accordance with Acceptable Standards of Care
CAH	Critical Access Hospital
CDC	Centers for Disease Control
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CGMP	Current Good Manufacturing Practices
CLIA	Clinical Laboratories Improvement Act
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CNS	Clinical Nurse Specialist
CNS	Central Nervous System
СоР	Conditions of Participation
CPOE	Computerized Provider Order Entry
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
CRNA	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
СТ	Computed Tomography
DC	Discharge
DNR	Do Not Resuscitate
DO	Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
DOA	Dead on Arrival
DON	Director of Nursing
DPOA	Durable Power of Attorney
DRI	Daily Reference Intake
DSH	Distant Site Hospital
DSTE	Distant Site Telemedicine Entity
ED	Emergency Department
EMS	Emergency Medical Services

Abbreviation	Meaning
EMTALA	Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act
EP	Emergency Procedures
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ER	Emergency Room
FDA	Federal Drug Administration
FDCA	Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
H&P	History and Physical
HAI	Health Care Associated infection
HCW	Health Care Worker
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HITECH	Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health
IC	Infection Control Now called HAI
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
IP	In-Patient
ISMP	Institute for Safe Medication Practices
IV	Intravenous
JAMA	Journal of the American Medical Association
KCL	Potassium Chloride
LOC	Level of Consciousness
LOS	Length of Stay
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
LS	Life Safety
LTC	Long Term Care
MD	Medical Doctor
MDRO	Multi-Drug Resistant Organisms
MDS	Minimum Data Set
ME	Medication Error
MR	Medical Record
MS	Medical Staff
NaCL	Sodium Chloride (Salt)
NIH	National Institute of Health
ND	North Dakota
NF	National Formulary
NFPA	National Fire Protection Agency
NHSN	National Healthcare Safety Net
NNIS	National Nosocomial Infection Surveillance System
NP	Nurse Practitioner
O^2	Oxygen
OCR	Office of Civil Rights
OP	Out-Patient
ОРО	Organ Procurement Organization
OR	Operating Room

Abbreviation	Meaning
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
ОТ	Occupational Therapy
PA	Physician Assistant
PCA	Patient-Controlled Analgesia
PACU	Post Anesthesia Care Unit
PFT	Pulmonary Function Test
PI	Process Improvement
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PT	Physical Therapy
QA	Quality Assurance
QI	Quality Improvement
QIO	Quality Improvement Organization
RAI	Resident Assessment Instrument
RBCs	Red Blood Cells
RDA	Recommended Dietary Allowance
RN	Registered Nurse
RT	Respiratory Therapy
SARS	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
SB	Swing Bed
SHEA	Society of Healthcare Epidemiology of America
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SOM	State Operations Manual
ТВ	Tuberculosis
ТО	Telephone Order
TPN	Total Parenteral Nutrition
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USP	United State Pharmacopeia
VO	Verbal Order