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Revised Requirements for Hospices to Align with CMS Final Rule

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APPLICABLE TO THE HOME CARE ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

Effective July 1, 2024

Human Resources (HR) Chapter

HR.01.01.01

The organization defines and verifies staff qualifications.

Element(s) of Performance for HR.01.01.01

EP 11 For home health agencies and hospices that elect to use The Joint Commission deemed status option: The organization defines personnel qualifications as required by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' regulations (at 42 CFR 484.115 for home health agencies and at 42 CFR 418.114 and 42 CFR 418.76(a) for hospices).
Note: The following terms are defined in the Glossary: administrator, audiologist, clinical manager, clinical nurse specialist, nurse practitioner, qualified home health aide, qualified hospice aide, occupational therapist, occupational therapy assistant, physical therapist, physical therapist assistant, physician, physician assistant, licensed practical nurse, public health nurse, registered nurse, skilled professional services, social worker, social work assistant, speech-language pathologist.

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Provision of Care, Treatment, and Services (PC) Chapter

PC.02.01.05

The organization provides interdisciplinary, collaborative care, treatment, or services.

Element(s) of Performance for PC.02.01.05

EP 6 For hospices that elect to use The Joint Commission deemed status option: The hospice establishes an interdisciplinary group(s) that includes at least the following individuals:
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(See also PC.01.03.01, EP 13)

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