

CHAPTER 43G

HOSPITAL LICENSING STANDARDS

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SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

8:43G-1.1 Scope and purpose

(a) These rules and standards apply to each licensed general or special hospital facility. They are intended for use in State surveys of the hospitals and any ensuing enforcement actions. They are also designed to be useful to consumers and providers as a mechanism for privately assessing the quality of care provided in any acute care hospital.

(b) This chapter contains rules intended to assure the high quality of care delivered in hospital facilities throughout New Jersey. Components of quality care addressed by these rules and standards include access to care, continuity of care, comprehensiveness of care, coordination of services, humaneness of treatment, conservatism in intervention, safety of environment, professionalism of caregivers, and participation in useful studies.

8:43G-1.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“All payers case mix index” (CMI) means a specific hospital’s average charge per case divided by the Statewide average charge per case for a given year using the most recent complete data set available to the Department.

“Hospital” means an institution, whether operated for profit or not, whether maintained, supervised or controlled by an agency of the government of the State or any county or municipality or not, which maintains and operates facilities for the diagnosis, treatment or care of two or more non-related individuals suffering from illness, injury or deformity and where emergency, out-patient, surgical, obstetrical, convalescent or other medical and nursing care is rendered for periods exceeding 24 hours.

“Hospital-based off-site ambulatory care service facility” means an ambulatory care service facility which has met the criteria as set forth in N.J.A.C. 8:43G-2.11(c) to be classified as same and which has applied for and received a license authorizing the facility to operate as a hospital-based off-site ambulatory care service facility.

“Hospitalization” means the admission and care of any person for a continuous period, longer than 24 hours, for the purpose of diagnosis and/or treatment bearing on the physical or mental health of such persons.

“Licensee” means the corporation, association, partnership or person authorized by the Department of Health to operate an institution and on whom rests the responsibility for maintaining acceptable standards in all areas of operation.

“Patient” means a person who receives a health care service from a provider.

Amended by R.2000 d.71, effective February 22, 2000.

See: 31 N.J.R. 2732(a), 32 N.J.R. 707(a).

Inserted “Hospital-based off-site ambulatory care service facility”.

Amended by R.2004 d.302, effective August 2, 2004.

See: 35 N.J.R. 2847(a), 35 N.J.R. 3782(a), 36 N.J.R. 3538(a).

Added “All payers case mix index”.

Case Notes

Hospital exemption does not apply to health maintenance organization (HMO) facility property tax status; facility not a hospital as no continuous care provided and it does not exist to further the aims and goals of a functioning hospital. New Brunswick v. Rutgers Community Health Plan, Inc., 7 N.J.Tax 491 (Tax Ct.1985).

8:43G-1.3 Classification of institutions

- (a) Hospitals shall be classified generally as: