



IASCA Update: October 2019

New Medicare ASC Guidelines on Transfer Agreements, H&P Assessments

Pursuant to a [final Medicare regulation](#) published Sept. 25, 2019, several changes to Conditions of Participation (CoPs) and Conditions for Coverage/Conditions for Certification (CfCs) become effective Nov. 29, 2019, that will, according to the Centers for Medicare Medicaid Services (CMS), "simplify and streamline the current regulations and thereby increase provider flexibility and reduce excessively burdensome regulations, while also allowing providers to focus on providing high-quality healthcare to their patients."



Perhaps most notably, Medicare will no longer require that an ASC have a written transfer agreement with a hospital or ensure that all physicians performing surgery in the facility have admitting privileges. However, as a condition of licensure by the Illinois Department of Public Health, an ASTC must still "maintain a contractual relationship, including a transfer and referral plan with a hospital that is within 15 minutes of the ASTC." Illinois law also requires that the physician performing a surgical procedure have admitting privileges at least one Illinois hospital. Therefore, in this case, since Illinois' law is more restrictive than the new federal regulation, the current state rules will continue to be enforced. [Read more...](#)

New CE Requirement for Registered Nurses

IDFPR recently announced a new CE requirement for Illinois Registered Nurses beginning January 1, 2020:

- A)** All RNs shall complete a one-hour CE course in sexual harassment training.
- B)** This 1 hour of sexual harassment prevention training CE course is intended to fit into the licensee's regular CE requirements. 1 of the 20 hours of required CE must be a sexual harassment prevention training course.
- C)** For additional information regarding this new requirement for license renewal in 2020, please review the [IDFPR information sheet](#).

You can also find answers on this list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

IASCA Hosts 2019 Annual Meeting

On September 23 - 24, IASCA held its 2019 Annual Meeting in Lisle, IL. The two-day meeting offered IASCA members a unique opportunity to network with colleagues and learn from industry experts, while earning educational credits.

The conference included an infection control seminar led by Lisa Huber of STERIS and an active shooter tabletop exercise led by Vantage Point Consulting. Other session highlights include sexual harassment, legislative update, and life safety.

If you couldn't attend the conference and are an IASCA member, you may view the presentations online.

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