These Advisory Notices are designed to provide you, our client, with information relative to Accredited Management System Certification activities. Should you have any questions about the content of this notice, please contact our office for further information.

**DATE:** March 03, 2017

**SUBJECT:** National Integrated Accreditation for Healthcare (NIAHO®) Accreditation Requirements, Interpretive Guidelines and Surveyor Guidance, Revision 16.0

**DISTRIBUTION:** All DNV GL - Healthcare Customers, Employees and Sub-contractors

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NIAHO®, Revision 16 reflects:

- Incorporation of the changes in the Physical Environment (PE) Chapter as a result of CMS changes applicable November 1, 2016
- The American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) position on the definition of “immediately available” when medically directing
- Revision of the Interpretive guidelines for SS.5 regarding malignant hyperthermia
- The deletion of the optional appendices on sterile compounding and safety risk management (topics to be addressed in Revision 17)
- Minor edits for consistency and clarity

When DNV GL receives final CMS approval of NIAHO®, Revision 17, addressing topics such as antimicrobial stewardship and sterile compounding, we will communicate the release in a separate Advisory Notice.

Hospitals participating in the Medicare and Medicaid program are expected to comply with current Conditions of Participation. When new or revised requirements are published, hospitals are expected to demonstrate compliance in a time frame consistent with the effective date published by CMS in the Federal Register.

Please note that, DNV GL has instituted a new naming system for revisions. The revision numbers are no longer sequential but are aligned with the year of publication or approval. This Revision 16 indicates that the revision was approved in 2016. Should there have been a subsequent revision in the same year the revision would be indicated by, for example, 16.1.

Download the revised Standard: [NIAHO® Accreditation Requirements, Interpretive Guidelines and Surveyor Guidance, Revision 16.0](#)

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