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DATE: December 19, 2018

SUBJECT: NIAHO® (National Integrated Accreditation for Healthcare Organizations) Hospital Accreditation Requirements, Interpretive Guidelines and Surveyor Guidance, Revision 18-2

DISTRIBUTION: All DNV GL Healthcare Current Customers and DNV GL Employees

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DNV GL is providing notice to DNV GL Healthcare Accredited and Certified Organizations of the release of NIAHO® (National Integrated Accreditation for Healthcare Organizations) Hospital Accreditation Requirements, Interpretive Guidelines and Surveyor Guidance, Revision 18-2.

NIAHO®, Revision 18-2 features the following CMS-approved requirements:

- New GB.1- Definition of a Hospital. Requirements reflect clarification requested by CMS to correspond with 42 CFR Section 482.1.


- New MM.8 Medication Management - Antimicrobial Stewardship. Requirements reflect DNV GL’s commitment to the CDC Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Challenge, accepted standards of practice and in keeping with the 6-13-2016 CMS proposed rule CMS-3295-P (Hospital and CAH Changes to Promote Innovation, Flexibility, and Improvement in Patient Care).

- SS.8 Surgical Services. Requirement revision to reflect accepted standards of practice regarding documentation.

- AS.3 Anesthesia Services. Requirements to reflect Interpretive Guidelines for clarity and accepted standards of practice regarding discharge of anesthesia patients and authentication of elements of post anesthesia evaluation in the medical record.


- IC.1 Infection Control. Major revision. Requirements reflect DNV GL’s commitment to the CDC AMR Challenge, accepted standards of practice, and in keeping with the 6-13-2016 CMS proposed rule CMS-3295-P (Hospital and CAH Changes to Promote Innovation, Flexibility, and Improvement in Patient Care).
• MR.7 Required Documentation. History and physical (H&P) documentation requirement revised to align with H&P requirements at MS.17.

NIAHO®, Revision 18-2 also features additions to the Interpretive Guidelines and Surveyor Guidance in the following areas:
  • QM.6
  • GB.1
  • GB.4
  • MM.8
  • PR.2
  • PE.1

NIAHO® Revision 18-2 is effective January 21, 2019 and supersedes Revision 18-1 and all prior Revisions. DNV GL Revision numbers now reflect the year of publication. Subsequent revisions within a year will be numbered in sequence: 18-1, 18-2, etc. Note: Not all years will have a revision (there is no Revision 17).

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.

  • Download: NIAHO® (National Integrated Accreditation for Healthcare Organizations) Hospital Accreditation Requirements, Interpretive Guidelines and Surveyor Guidance, Revision 18-2
  • Download: NIAHO® Hospital Change History Revision 18-2

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