

449.999467 Scope of deficiencies: Criteria for evaluation

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The scope of the deficiencies must be evaluated using the criteria prescribed in this section.

2.

A deficiency of scope level one consists of one or an isolated number of unrelated incidents. A deficiency is of this scope if it involves 20 percent or less of the patients sampled in an outpatient facility.

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A deficiency is scope level two if the Bureau identifies a pattern of incidents at the outpatient facility, including any deficiencies involving patients who require particular kinds of care, treatment or service. The number or percentage of patients or staff involved in the incidents or the repeated occurrences of incidents in short succession may also establish a pattern by indicating a reasonable degree of predictability of similar incidents. A deficiency is also of this scope if it involves more than 20 percent but not more than 50 percent of the patients sampled in an outpatient facility.

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A deficiency is of scope level three if it occurs in a sufficient number or percentage of patients or staff or with sufficient regularity over time that it may be considered systemic or pervasive in or by the outpatient facility. A deficiency is also of this

scope if it involves more than 50 percent of the patients sampled in an outpatient facility.