

## **A-0048**

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**[The governing body must:]**

### **§482.12(a)(4) Approve medical staff bylaws and other medical staff rules and regulations;**

#### **Interpretive Guidelines §482.12(a)(4)**

The governing body decides whether or not to approve medical staff bylaws submitted by the medical staff. The medical staff bylaws and any revisions must be approved by the governing body before they are considered effective.

#### **Survey Procedures and §482.12(a)(4)**

- Verify that the medical staff operates under current bylaws, rules and policies that have been approved by the governing body.
- Verify that any revisions or modifications in the medical staff bylaws, rules and policies have been approved by the medical staff and the governing body, e.g., bylaws are annotated with date of last review and initialed by person(s) responsible.

## **A-0049**

[The governing body must:]

**§482.12(a)(5) Ensure that the medical staff is accountable to the governing body for the quality of care provided to patients;**

**Interpretive Guidelines §482.12(a)(5)**

The governing body must ensure that the medical staff as a group is accountable to the governing body for the quality of care provided to patients. The governing body is responsible for the conduct of the hospital and this conduct includes the quality of care provided to patients.

All hospital patients must be under the care of a practitioner who meets the criteria of 42 CFR 482.12(c)(1) and who has been granted medical staff privileges, or under the care of a practitioner who is directly under the supervision of a member of the medical staff. All patient care is provided by or in accordance with the orders of a practitioner who has been granted privileges in accordance with the criteria established by the governing body, and who is working within the scope of those granted privileges.

**Survey Procedures §482.12(a)(5)**

- Verify that the governing body is periodically apprised of the medical staff evaluation of patient care services provided hospital wide, at every patient care location of the hospital.
- Verify that any individual providing patient care services is a member of the medical staff or is accountable to a member of the medical staff qualified to evaluate the quality of services provided, and in turn, is responsible to the governing body for the quality of services provided.