

## **§482.54 Condition of Participation: Outpatient Services**

**If the hospital provides outpatient services, the services must meet the needs of the patients in accordance with acceptable standards of practice.**

### **Interpretive Guidelines §482.54**

This is an optional hospital service; however, if a hospital provides any degree of outpatient care to its patients, the hospital must comply with the requirements of this Condition of Participation (CoP).

The Medicare Hospital CoP applies to both inpatient and outpatient services of the hospital. The hospital must be in compliance with the CoP in 42 CFR §482 in all on-campus and off-campus outpatient service locations.

Tag A-1081 permits standard-level citations for identified deficiencies and provides more detailed guidance on the overall requirements for outpatient services.

The manner and degree of noncompliance identified in relation to Tags 1077 – 1080 may result in substantial noncompliance with this CoP, requiring citation at the condition

level.