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§482.62(e) Standard: Psychological Services.

The hospital must provide or have available psychological services to meet the needs of the patients.

Interpretive Guidelines §482.62(e)

Psychology services may include the following: diagnostic testing and diagnostic formulations on request from physicians; provision of individual, group and family therapies; participation in multi-disciplinary treatment conferences; and program development and evaluation.

The number of full-time, part-time and consulting psychologists must be adequate to provide necessary services to patients. Arrangements with outside resources must assure that necessary patient services will be provided.

Survey Procedures §482.62(e)

Did the patients in the sample have a need for psychological services or testing? Were they provided in a timely manner and with sufficient intensity?

Did any of the patients in the sample indicate a need for psychological services, but none were requested?

What types of psychological services are offered? (e.g., assessments, therapy)

Do certain groups of patients receive testing routinely? Dementia?, Children?, Adolescents? Why?

Once tests are performed, are results reported in sufficient time to be integrated in the patient's active treatment and treatment plan?

How does the hospital or Psychological Service Department determine whether or not: it meets the needs of patients? Its services are underutilized or over-utilized?

Why have psychological services staff been deployed in the manner that they have?