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## **§482.57 Condition of Participation: Respiratory Services**

**The hospital must meet the needs of the patients in accordance with acceptable standards of practice. The following requirements apply if the hospital provides respiratory care services.**

### **Interpretive Guidelines §482.57**

If a hospital provides care to patients who require respiratory care services, the hospital

must meet the needs of those patients, in accordance with acceptable standards of practice. This is an optional hospital service. However, if a hospital provides any degree of respiratory care to its patients, the hospital must comply with the requirements of this Condition of Participation.

Acceptable standards of practice include compliance with applicable standards that are set forth in Federal or State laws, regulations or guidelines, as well as standards and recommendations promoted by nationally recognized professional organizations (e.g., American Medical Association, American Association for Respiratory Care, American Thoracic Association, etc.).

The hospital's respiratory services must be integrated into its hospital-wide QAPI program.

### **Survey Procedures §482.57**

- Determine if the hospital provides any degree of respiratory care services.
- Determine that the type and amount of respiratory care provided meets the needs of the patients and is delivered in accordance with acceptable standards of practice.
- Determine if the hospital's respiratory services are integrated into its hospital-wide QAPI program.