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§482.12(e)(1) The governing body must ensure that the services performed under a contract are provided in a safe and effective manner.

Interpretive Guidelines §482.12(e)(1)

Indirect arrangements may take into consideration services provided through formal contracts, joint ventures, informal agreements, shared services, or lease arrangements. The patient care services, and all other services, provided under contract are subject to the same hospital-wide quality assessment and performance improvement (QAPI) evaluation as other services provided directly by the hospital.

Survey Procedures §482.12(e)(1)

- Determine if the hospital has a mechanism to evaluate the quality of each contracted service and ensures that each contracted service is provided in a safe and effective manner.
- Review the QAPI plan to ensure that every contracted service is evaluated.