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**§482.23(b)(7) - The hospital must have policies and procedures in place establishing which outpatient departments, if any, are not required under hospital policy to have a registered nurse present. The policies and procedures must:**

- (i) Establish the criteria such outpatient departments must meet, taking into account the types of services delivered, the general level of acuity of patients served by the department, and the established standards of practice for the services delivered;**
- (ii) Establish alternative staffing plans;**
- (iii) Be approved by the director of nursing;**
- (iv) Be reviewed at least once every 3 years**

### **Interpretive Guidelines §482.23(b)(7)**

Guidance is pending and will be updated in future release.