

## **A-1691**

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**§482.62(b) ...The number and qualifications of doctors of medicine and osteopathy must be adequate to provide essential psychiatric services.**

### **Interpretive Guidelines §482.62(b)**

The number of full-time, part-time and consulting staff, who are board certified within each category and their availability to the hospital must be adequate to provide psychiatric services, as described above. Adequacy is considered in light of the following:

1. Number of admissions, discharges and current patients by treatment units;
2. Size of the hospital;
3. Geographic proximity of the wards and units;
4. Organization and kinds of treatment services rendered to the patients;
5. Availability of the physician coverage on evening, nights and weekends;

6. Availability of physicians to participate in treatment planning;
7. Availability of psychiatrists to consult with non-psychiatric physicians about psychotropic medication regimens; and
8. Availability of physicians to consult with multi-disciplinary staff about treatment issues.

### **Survey Procedures §482.62(b)**

How many staff are board certified? Fully trained? How many full-time/part-time specialties are represented?

How are medical staff deployed? To what programs/units are they assigned? Why?

How much time do physicians spend on the units? Based on observations, interviews, and medical record reviews is coverage adequate to meet the needs of sampled patients? To meet the needs of other patients observed during the survey?