

[All records must document the following, as appropriate:]

§482.24(c)(4)(iii) - Results of all consultative evaluations of the patient and appropriate findings by clinical and other staff involved in the care of the patient.

Interpretive Guidelines §482.24(c)(4)(iii)

All patient records, both inpatient and outpatient, must contain the results of all consultative evaluations of the patient and appropriate findings by clinical and other staff involved in the care of the patient. This information must be promptly filed in the patient's medical record in order to be available to the physician or other care providers to use in making assessments of the patient's condition, to justify treatment or continued hospitalization, to support or revise the patient's diagnosis, to support or revise the plan of care, to describe the patient's progress and to describe the patient's response to medications, treatments, and services.

Survey Procedures §482.24(c)(4)(iii)

Review a sample of medical records of patients who have orders for consultative evaluations. Are the results/reports and other clinical findings of those consultative evaluations included in the patient's medical record?