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§482.62(c) Standard: Availability of medical personnel.

Doctors of medicine or osteopathy and other appropriate professional personnel must be available to provide necessary medical and surgical diagnostic and treatment services. If medical and surgical diagnostic services and treatment are not available within the institution, the institution must have an agreement with an outside source of these services to ensure that they are immediately available or a satisfactory agreement must be established for transferring patients to a general hospital that participates in the Medicare program.

Interpretive Guidelines §482.62(c)

Contracts or other arrangements with individuals and/or providers assure that medical and surgical services are available to meet the needs of the patients. Review the medical and surgical services provided by the hospital during the interview with the clinical director.

Discuss contract or arrangements with the clinical director for services provided off grounds.

Survey Procedures §482.62(c)

How did the hospital meet the medical/surgical/diagnostic needs represented by each patient in the sample? Were these done timely? Appropriately?

If contracts are not current or available, how are these services provided for the patient, if needed? Is there evidence of negative outcomes as a result of these arrangements?

Are reports from other services such as pharmacy, radiology, and clinical laboratory timely? Appropriate?