

**§482.61(b)(4) Note the onset of illness and the circumstances leading to admission;**

**Interpretive Guidelines §482.61(b)(4)**

In a hospitalized patient, the identified problem should be related to the patient's need for hospital admission. The psychiatric evaluation includes a history of present illness, including onset, precipitating factors and reason for the current admission, signs and symptoms, course, and the results of any treatment received.

**Survey Procedures §482.61(b)(4)**

How long has the patient been ill? Was it a gradual or sudden onset?

Is this a recurrence?

What were the precipitating factors? What happened?

What symptoms, signs, behaviors made this hospitalization necessary?

What treatment has the patient already received before coming to the hospital?

Is any medication he received listed?

