

In this issue

CMS revises Medicare requirements that affect ordering of respiratory services

Update 2 to the manuals is delayed; will mail in late October

Field review: Proposed new and revised 2011 laboratory standards

Submit your *Stories of Success!* using health IT to meet NPSGs and NPP recommendations

JCR, Hill-Rom name Nurse Safety Scholar-in-Residence

Accreditation

CMS revises Medicare requirements that affect ordering of respiratory services

On August 16, 2010, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule regarding Conditions of Participation (CoPs) for hospitals (42 CFR 482.56: Rehabilitation Services and 42 CFR 482.57: Respiratory Services) and who may order respiratory services. The rule allows a qualified, licensed practitioner who is responsible for the patient and acting within the scope of their practice to order respiratory or rehabilitation services. As a result of this final rule, The Joint Commission has deleted element of performance 14 under standard PC.02.01.03, which limited ordering of respiratory services to an M.D. or D.O. The requirements for respiratory service orders will be surveyed under current standard PC.02.01.03 EP 1. This issue was discussed by The Joint Commission and CMS as part of the hospital deeming application process. The Joint Commission and other stakeholders indicated to CMS that limiting who may order respiratory services to only an M.D. or D.O. limited other practitioners from practicing within their scope and licensure. The changes were effective October 1, 2010 for accredited hospitals and distinct part units in critical access hospitals. A revised crosswalk between The Joint Commission standards and the Medicare requirements will be available January 1, 2011. The change will be reflected in Update 2 for the hospital and critical access hospital manuals. [Note: The CMS rule also addressed rehabilitation services, although the changes to those requirements did not warrant a change to the current Joint Commission standards that demonstrate equivalency to the CoPs.] (Contact: Mary Brockway, mbrockway@jointcommission.org)

Update 2 to the manuals is delayed; will mail in late October

Due to delays in the production process, *Update 2* to the comprehensive accreditation manuals will begin to be mailed in late October for the following accreditation programs: ambulatory care, behavioral health care, critical access hospitals, home care, hospitals, laboratory, long term care, and office-based surgery. The October 6 issue of *Joint Commission Online* reported that Update 2 would mail in mid-October, which was the originally scheduled mailing date. Accredited organizations will receive one free copy of their respective comprehensive accreditation manual updates. Updates to the E-dition will occur in December 2010. (Contact: Cathy Hinckley, chinckley@jcrinc.com)

Field review: Proposed new and revised 2011 laboratory standards

A field review of proposed new and revised laboratory services standards is now available on The Joint Commission [Web site](#). The field review will be open through October 19. If approved by the Standards and Survey Procedures Committee and the Board of Commissioners, these potential standards would be available on-line in January 2011 and would be effective July 1, 2011. The goal of the revisions and additions is to provide additional specificity and detail to the standards and elements of performance in order to better support the delivery of high-quality diagnostic services. For more information, see the September 8 issue of [Joint Commission Online](#). (Contact: Jennifer Rhamy, jrhamy@jointcommission.org)

Patient safety

Submit your *Stories of Success!* using health IT to meet NPSGs and NPP recommendations

Health care organizations are encouraged to submit real-world success stories of using health information technology to meet The Joint Commission's National Patient Safety Goals or the national patient safety recommendations of the National Priorities Partnership (NPP). Submissions will be peer-reviewed and considered for inclusion in the *Stories of Success!* program as case studies. Stories should show the link between improvements in health care quality and patient safety and health information technology. The project is sponsored by the Health Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) and co-sponsors American Society for Quality (ASQ), the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), and the National Patient Safety Foundation (NPSF). A representative from the National Quality Forum (NQF), The Joint Commission, and NCQA will serve on the case study review group. For more information or to submit an application, visit the HIMSS [Web site](#). The application deadline is October 22, 2010. (Contact: David Collins, dcollins@himss.org)

Joint Commission Resources

JCR, Hill-Rom name Nurse Safety Scholar-in-Residence

Cecilia Zamarripa, M.S.N., R.N., CWON, has been named the Nurse Safety Scholar-in-Residence by Joint Commission Resources and Hill-Rom. Zamarripa is a board certified wound and ostomy nurse with more than 29 years of clinical experience. She is currently practicing as a wound and ostomy care nurse specialist at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Presbyterian campus. Recognizing the important role that nurses play in translating evidence-based findings into excellent care at the patient's bedside, the Nurse Safety Scholar-in-Residence program was initiated through funding by Hill-Rom, and is in its third year of a three-year project, focuses on developing tools and best practices to maintain skin integrity and to prevent pressure ulcers. Zamarripa, the third nurse to be named in this program, will serve through 2011 as Patient Safety Nurse Scholar-in-Residence. During her term, she will work closely with JCR experts to achieve the goals of the program:

- To foster the professional development of expert nurse clinicians and scholars to become translators of evidence into practice
- To disseminate best practice processes associated with providing safe care for specific clinical problems
- To continue the work of a hospital-based collaborative project focused on the implementation of pressure ulcer reduction strategies

For more information, visit the JCR [Web site](#). (Contact: Nanne Finis, nfinis@jcrinc.com)

Learn more about Joint Commission Resources' education programs and publications at <http://www.jcrinc.com/?> or call (877) 223-6866

Follow The Joint Commission on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)