

§ 488.2 Statutory basis.

This part is based on the indicated provisions of the following sections of the Act:

- 1128—Exclusion of entities from participation in Medicare.
- 1128A—Civil money penalties.
- 1814—Conditions for, and limitations on, payment for Part A services.
- 1819—Requirements for SNFs.
- 1861(f)—Requirements for psychiatric hospitals.
- 1861(z)—Institutional planning standards that hospitals and SNFs must meet.
- 1861(ee)—Discharge planning guidelines for hospitals.
- 1864—Use of State survey agencies.
- 1865—Effect of accreditation.
- 1880—Requirements for hospitals and SNFs of the Indian Health Service.
- 1883—Requirements for hospitals that provide SNF care.
- 1902—Requirements for participation in the Medicaid program.
- 1913—Medicaid requirements for hospitals that provide NF care.
- 1919—Medicaid requirements for NFs.

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§ 488.3 Conditions of participation; conditions for coverage; and long-term care requirements.

(a) *Basic rules.* In order to be approved for participation in or coverage under the Medicare program, a prospective provider or supplier must:

- (1) Meet the applicable statutory definition in section 1138(b), 1819, 1832(a)(2)(F), 1861, 1881, or 1919 of the Act; and
- (2) Be in compliance with the applicable conditions or long-term care requirements prescribed in subpart N, Q or U of part 405, part 416, subpart C of part 418, part 482, part 483, part 484, part 485, subpart A of part 491, or part 494 of this chapter.

(b) *Special Conditions.* (1) The Secretary, after consultation with the JCAHO or AOA, may issue conditions of participation for hospitals higher or more precise than those of either those accrediting bodies.

(2) The Secretary may, at a State's request, approve health and safety requirements for providers and suppliers in that State, which are higher than those otherwise applied in the Medicare program.

(3) If a State or political subdivision imposes higher requirements on institutions as a condition for the purchase of health services under a State Medicaid Plan approved under Title XIX of the Act, (or if Guam, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands does so under a State plan for Old Age Assistance under Title I of the Act, or for Aid to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled under the original Title XVI of the Act), the Secretary is required to impose similar requirements as a condition for payment under Medicare in that State or political subdivision.

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§ 488.4 Application and reapplication procedures for accreditation organizations.

(a) A national accreditation organization applying for approval of deeming authority for Medicare requirements under § 488.5 or 488.6 of this subpart must furnish to HCFA the information and materials specified in paragraphs (a)(1) through (10) of this section. A national accreditation organization reapplying for approval must furnish to HCFA whatever information and materials from paragraphs (a)(1) through (10) of this section that HCFA requests. The materials and information are—

- (1) The types of providers and suppliers for which the organization is requesting approval;
- (2) A detailed comparison of the organization's accreditation requirements and standards with the applicable Medicare requirements (for example, a crosswalk);
- (3) A detailed description of the organization's survey process, including—
 - (i) Frequency of the surveys performed;
 - (ii) Copies of the organization's survey forms, guidelines and instructions to surveyors;
 - (iii) Accreditation survey review process and the accreditation status decision-making process;
 - (iv) Procedures used to notify accredited facilities of deficiencies and the procedures used to monitor the correction of deficiencies in accredited facilities; and