

## Q&A FROM MAY 22 WEBINAR ON WPS ALLOWANCE FOR THE JOINT COMMISSION ACCREDITED HOSPITALS

- Q. Will slides from today's webinar be sent to participants?
- A. Slides will not be sent to participants but will be available on the MHA website at: <http://web.mhanet.com/licensure-and-regulatory-compliance.aspx>
- Q. If an organization chooses to accredit the sleep lab from AASM can they reinitiate Medicare billing while preparing/undergoing AASM accreditation?
- A. WPS does not have an allowance for billing while waiting for the AASM accreditation. The hospital would have to have received AASM accreditation before billing Medicare for sleep studies.
- Q. Do you anticipate in the future that the AASM accreditation will not be accepted to meet CMS guidelines?
- A. We have no reason to believe that AASM accreditation will not be acceptable in the future. AASM has been mentioned in WPS policy since 2014.
- Q. Is the survey done at night since it is asking for 2 active patients?
- A. Please see the webinar slides for details. The TJC accreditation survey involves observing the initiation and termination of the sleep study on two patients.
- Q. Does this webinar only consider TJC hospitals?
- A. Today's webinar was specific for hospitals with TJC accreditation and those wishing to obtain the TJC Ambulatory sleep accreditation. WPS has only issued the allowance for obtaining accreditation from TJC. Hospitals seeking accreditation from AASM or ACHC must have full accreditation prior to billing Medicare for sleep studies.
- Q. If we are already accredited by the AASM, I'm assuming that we don't need to do the Ambulatory Care Accreditation. Is that correct?
- A. That is correct. If you already have AASM accreditation for inpatient or outpatient services you do not need an additional accreditation.