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ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE					
Self-Assessment Questions	YES	NO	N/A	Date/Initials	Comments
Does the CAH have an organized governing body or has written documentation that identifies the individual that is responsible for the full legal responsibility and conduct of the CAH operations? C- 0962 §485.627(a)					
The CAH must have only one governing body (or responsible individual) and this governing body (or responsible individual) is responsible for the conduct of the CAH as an institution. C- 0962 §485.627(a)					
Does the governing body (or responsible individual) determine, implement and monitor CAH policies? C- 0962 §485.627(a)					
Does the governing body (or responsible individual ensure all CAH policies are administered to ensure quality health care is provided in safe environment? C- 0962 §485.627(a)					
Does the governing body (or responsible individual) determine the categories of practitioners that are eligible candidates for appointment to the medical staff? C- 0962 §485.627(a)					
Would an evaluation of records of medical staff appointments substantiate the governing body's (or responsible individual's) involvement in appointments of medical staff members after review of medical staff recommendations? C- 0962 §485.627(a)					
Does the governing body (or responsible individual) appoint all members to the medical staff in accordance with established policies based on the individual practitioner's scope of clinical expertise and in accordance with Federal and State law? C- 0962 §485.627(a)					
Does CAH have evidence (e.g., minutes of board meetings) that demonstrates that the governing body or the individual who assumes responsibility for CAH operation is involved in the day-to-day operation of the CAH and is fully responsible for its operations?					

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C- 0962 §485.627(a)					
Have the facility's operating policies been updated to fully reflect its responsibilities as a CAH (e.g., PA responsibilities, provision of required CAH direct services)? C- 0962 §485.627(a)					
Does the medical staff operate under current bylaws that are in accordance with Federal and State laws and regulations? C- 0962 §485.627(a)					
Does the medical staff operate under current bylaws, rules and policies that have been approved by the governing body (or responsible individual)? C- 0962 §485.627(a)					
Are revisions or modifications in the medical staff bylaws, rules, and policies, approved by the medical staff and the governing body (or responsible individual)? C- 0962 §485.627(a)					
Does the governing body (or responsible individual) periodically apprise the medical staff evaluation of patient care services provided in the CAH, at every patient care location of the CAH? C- 0962 §485.627(a)					
Are medical staff members accountable to the governing body for quality of patient care? How is the governing body made aware of issues with the provision of patient care by medical staff members? C- 0962 §485.627(a)					
Are all patients under care of medical staff member or a practitioner who is supervised by a medical staff member? C- 0962 §485.627(a)					
Is there written criteria in medical staff bylaws, rules and regulations for staff appointments to the medical staff? C- 0962 §485.627(a)					
Is the selection of medical staff for membership, both new and renewal, is based upon an					

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individual practitioner's compliance with the medical staff's membership criteria? C- 0962 §485.627(a)							
Is there, at a minimum, criteria for selection to the medical staff are individual character, competence, training, experience, and judgment? C- 0962 §485.627(a							
Does the CAH have a policy or procedure for reporting changes in the following to Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services: a. person who is principally responsible for CAH operations (CEO, Administrator) b. medical Director C- 0964-966 §485.627(b)(1)(2)							

Helpful Hints

Key Resources and Links

- CMS Conditions of Participation and Interpretative Guidelines (Appendix W)
- CMS CAH Website (includes crosswalk of C tags)
- CMS CAH Basic Training

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