

Summary of Proposed Changes

- (1) Rules and Regulations for Hospitals and Related Institutions in Arkansas; and
- (2) Rules and Regulations for Critical Access Hospitals in Arkansas

§3 Definitions
§3B Remove non-hospital Alcohol/Drug Abuse Inpatient Treatment Centers
§3C Define “Basic Hospital Services” required of all licensed hospitals
§3F clarify emergency services facility definition
§3(l) result of statutory changes in definition of “Institution”
§3(L&M) Delete obsolete terms “Maternity and General Medical Care Hospital” and “Maternity Hospital”
§3L Define “Off-campus Emergency Dept.”
§3M Outpatient Psychiatric Center hours corrected from “4” to “8” – same as statute
§3N correct “Outpatient Surgery Center” to statutory definition
Clarified “Rehabilitation Facility” to “Rehab. <i>Hospital</i> or Facility”
§4 Licensure and Codes
Changed to exact statutory language
Add basic services requirement
§6 Medical Staff
Physician <u>or surgeon</u>
Extend reporting note for loss of privileges to non-physicians
Adopt of nationally recognized protocols for ER
Specify components of discharge plan
§7 General Administration
Risk-specific disaster planning with considering area, patient volume, transfers, 72 hours supplies, communications, and AWIN training; may be part of community wide drills
§9 Administration Reports
Bed availability reporting (disaster)
§11 Patient Care Services
Simplify and standardize documentation for in-service education requirement throughout
§13 Restraints
Permit credentialed non-physicians to order restraint
§14 Health Information Services
Specify educational requirement for records directors applies only to Hospitals
HPE & discharge summary authenticated by <u>attending or treating</u> physician
Order authentication & signature in “timely” manner instead of 96 hours
HPE & discharge summary authenticated by attending or treating physician
Physician <u>or surgeon</u>
Refer specific newborn screening requirements to the Newborn Testing Rules
§17 Food & Nutrition Services
Authorize food services contracting by hospitals located within hospitals
Provide for patient diet orders by dietitians
Correct citation to Retail Food Establishment Rules.
Remove restrictions on foods served to non-patients in hospitals.
Storage height reduced from 12” to 6”
Update terminology and other changes
Revise nutrition monitoring and evaluation requirements
§18 Infection <u>PREVENTION AND</u> Control
Update terminology/language throughout rules
Require reporting to CMS
Revise specific HAIs for risk assessment & surveillance
Use national protocols for hand hygiene and respiratory protection

Correct citation to NHSN
Infection Committee oversight of product selection
Use national protocols for employee health
Update TB screening options for healthcare workers
§20 Radiological Services
Update dosimetry (exposure badges) requirements to reflect <i>Rules and Regulations for Control of Sources of Ionizing Radiation</i> , RH-7055(a).
Dual image viewing capacity in OR, ER and Radiology
Maintain capability for viewing films
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§25 Pet Therapy Program
Add term “zoonotic” for veterinary certification
§30 Labor, Delivery, LDR, LDRP, PP and Maternal Child Education
Add cite for required car seat safety education
Add statutory requirements for shaken baby info distribution by hospital
§34 Central Sterilization & Supply
Update terminology “flash” OR “immediate use” sterilization
Change allowable shelf life of sterile peel-packs from “indefinite” to “event-related”
Qualify temperature and humidity settings
§35 Respiratory Care
De-specify signage
Insert citation for ventilation rates based upon non-smoking facilities
§36 Emergency Services
Prison hospitals exempt from dedicated emergency department requirement.
Specify ER protocols to be nationally recognized
Specify ER equipment requirements
Specify imaging and lab availability 24/7
Allow treatment & disposition of non-emergent patients by credentialed individuals
Require ACLS or PALS nurse in house
Add provisions for off-campus emergency departments operated by parent hospitals.
§39 Ambulatory Surgery Centers
Return definition to statutory language and define “general and intravenous” anesthesia to include: deep sedation/analgesia and general anesthesia with definitions of each.
Update list of required sections that apply to ASCs.
Add option for inpatient transfer by assuring surgeon has admitting privileges at local hospital.
§ 45 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Inpatient Treatment Center
Removed non-applicable portions
Tables
Table 10: Remove Table 10 Newborn Screening
Table 3: Updated Temp and relative humidity requirements
Broaden relative humidity range for OR, Delivery, Endoscopy & Bronchoscopy
Table 5: Add architect/designer approval to final occupancy inspection checklist.