

Approving Accrediting Entities to Accredite or Certify the Use of Anesthesia in Office-Based Surgical Settings

Introduction

Purpose. The Washington Medical Commission (Commission) adopts this procedure for approving entities to accredit or certify the use of anesthesia in office-based surgical settings and creates the list of approved entities.

Background: [WAC 246-919-601\(5\)](#) provides that a physician conducting a procedure under this rule must ensure that it takes place in a facility that is suitably equipped and maintained to guarantee patient safety and that the facility should be accredited or certified by an accrediting entity approved by the Commission. The accrediting entity must demonstrate “to the satisfaction of the Commission that it has all the following:

- a) Standards pertaining to patient care, recordkeeping, equipment, personnel, facilities and other related matters that are in accordance with acceptable and prevailing standards of care as determined by the commission;
- b) Processes that assure a fair and timely review and decision on any applications for accreditation or renewals thereof;
- c) Processes that assure a fair and timely review and resolution of any complaints received concerning accredited or certified facilities; and
- d) Resources sufficient to allow the accrediting entity to fulfill its duties in a timely manner.

Procedure

1. An entity submits a letter to the Commission requesting that the Commission approve it as an entity to accredit or certify the use of anesthesia in office-based surgical settings. The entity must include documentation that it has all the following:
 - a. Standards pertaining to patient care, recordkeeping, equipment, personnel, facilities, and other related matters that are in accordance with acceptable and prevailing standards of care as determined by the Commission;
 - b. Processes that assure a fair and timely review and decision on any applications for accreditation or renewals thereof;

- c. Processes that assure a fair and timely review and resolution of any complaints received concerning accredited or certified facilities; and
 - d. Resources sufficient to allow the accrediting entity to fulfill its duties in a timely manner.
2. The Commission reviews the letter and accompanying documentation. If the Commission determines that the entity meets the requirements listed in step 1, the Commission will notify the entity that it has been approved as an entity to accredit or certify the use of anesthesia in office-based surgical settings. The Commission will place the entity on the list of approved entities.
3. If the Commission determines that the entity does not meet the requirements listed in step 1, the Commission will notify the entity of the decision.

Approved Entities

The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care

Accreditation Commission for Health Care

The American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

The Joint Commission

The National Abortion Federation

Planned Parenthood of America

Urgent Care Association

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