

DOH SURVEY RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER PENNSYLVANIA STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

Healthcare Facilities Act 35 P.S. §448.101, et. seq.

- Licensing of hospitals
- Photo identification requirements
- Revocation and nonrenewal or provisional license
- Inspection/survey authority

PA Hospital Regulations 28 PA Code §51.1, et seq.

- General provisions regarding governance, management, licensing, change of ownership,
- Medical staffing, nurse staffing, pharmacy and anesthesia provisions
- Medical orders
- Specialty services

Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error Act (MCARE) 40 P.S. § 1303.101et seq.

- Review of serious event, infrastructure failure and health care-associated infection reports to ensure accurate reporting and patient notification, employee training, prohibition of retaliatory action against health care workers for filing reports.
- Review patient safety plans for updating, accuracy, patient safety officer designation of duties and responsibilities.
- Review patient safety committee for appropriate composition, frequency of meetings, ensure minutes are kept of each monthly meeting.

Child Protective Services Law 23 Pa.C.S. § 6344.2

- Check that newly hired employees who have "a significant likelihood of regular contact with children in the form of care, guidance, supervision or training" have undergone the necessary background checks.
- Ensure that the hospital has a policy to implement the requirements of the Act.

Advance Health Care Directives 20 Pa.C.S. Ch. 54

- Ensure that the hospital has a policy that discusses both in-hospital and out-of-hospital advanced directives.
- Ensure that the policy addresses emergency medical services related to advance directives.
- Ensure that the policy addresses pregnancy services related to advance directives.
- Ensure that advance directive forms are kept in the medical record.
- Ensure that plans are in place to implement the decisions of the health care agent.

Shaken Baby Syndrome Education Act

- Ensure that educational and instructional materials are available and distributed to parents of newborns.
- Ensure that the hospital has policy regarding compliance with the Act.
- Review medical records to ensure that signed commitment statements are contained in the records.
- Ensure that hospital staff is provided training in requirements of the Act.

Safe Haven Act

- Review policies and procedures to ensure they comply with requirements of the Act regarding location for dropping off newborn babies and staff education is provided.

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and Prevention Program

- Ensure that educational and instructional materials are available and distributed to parents of newborns.
- Ensure that the hospital has a policy regarding compliance with the Act.
- Review medical records to ensure that signed acknowledgement statement is contained in the records.
- Ensure that hospital staff is provided training in requirements of the Act.

Elderly Immunization Act

- Ensure that the hospital has a policy implementing the requirements of the Act -that persons over age 65 who are admitted to a hospital are given information that a vaccination for the influenza and pneumococcal disease is available and the individual are being given the opportunity to receive the vaccinations prior to discharge from the hospital.
- Review records to ensure that patients are being informed of the availability of the vaccine.

Circulating Nurse Act:

- Ensure that the hospital has a policy implementing the requirements of the Act-that a circulating nurse (who must be a licensed RN) is present in the operating room for every procedure that requires general anesthesia or deep sedation.
- Review records to ensure that a circulating nurse was present as required.