



**Working with Regulators: A Focus on CMS**  
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# Conditions of Participation

*Clinical Standards Group*

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*Center for Clinical Standards &  
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# What are Conditions of Participation?

Conditions of Participation (CoPs) and Conditions for Coverage (CfCs) are health and safety regulations which must be met by Medicare and Medicaid-participating providers and suppliers.

They serve to protect all individuals receiving services from those organizations.

# What are Conditions of Participation?

The CoPs help CMS ensure that all providers and suppliers participating in the Medicare and Medicaid programs provide high quality care, and work towards continued quality improvement.

# Health Care Organizations & Provider Types

CMS has CoPs or CfCs for the following health care organizations and provider types:

- Ambulatory Surgical Centers
- Community Mental Health Centers
- Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities
- Critical Access Hospitals
- End-Stage Renal Disease Facilities
- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Home Health Agencies
- Hospices
- Hospitals

# Health Care Organizations & Provider Types

- Hospital Swing Beds
- Intermediate Care Facilities for the Intellectually Disabled
- Long Term Care Facilities
- Organ Procurement Organizations
- Portable X-Ray Suppliers
- Providers of Outpatient Services (physical and occupational therapists in independent practice, outpatient physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech pathology services)
- Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institutions
- Rural Health Clinics
- Transplant Centers

# Revisions to the CoPs

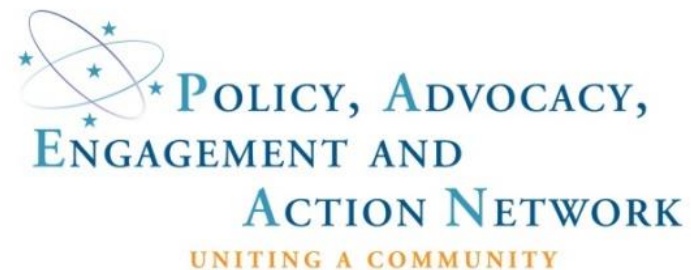
Revisions are made to the CoPs in response to:

- Statutory Changes
- Administration Policies and Priorities
- National Issues and Events
- Changes in Medical Practice

# Examples of Current Priority Issues in CoPs

- Reduce Healthcare Acquired Conditions
- Reduce avoidable hospital readmissions
- Reduce burden on providers
- Antibiotic Stewardship





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