

PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS ACCREDITATION

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I. ISSUE

Psychiatric hospitals accreditation.

II. DESCRIPTION

A psychiatric hospital is an institution which is engaged primarily in providing services to inpatients for the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders.

III. POLICY

In order for the services of a psychiatric hospital to be covered, the hospital shall comply with the provisions outlined in [32 CFR 199.6\(b\)\(4\)\(i\)](#). All psychiatric hospitals shall be accredited under the JCAHO Accreditation Manual for Hospitals (AMH) standards in order for their services to be cost-shared. In the case of those psychiatric hospitals that are not JCAHO-accredited because they have not been in operation a sufficient period of time to be eligible to request an accreditation survey by the JCAHO, the Director, TRICARE, or a designee, may grant temporary approval if the hospital is certified and participating under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act (Medicare, Part A). This temporary approval expires 12 months from the date on which the psychiatric hospital first becomes eligible to request an accreditation survey by the JCAHO. For further information on accreditation of psychiatric hospitals refer to [32 CFR 199.6\(b\)\(4\)\(iv\)](#).

