§ 485.64 Condition of participation: Disaster procedures.

The facility must have written policies and procedures that specifically define the handling of patients, personnel, records, and the public during disasters. All personnel associated with the facility must be knowledgeable with respect to these procedures, be trained in their application, and be assigned specific responsibilities.

(a) Standard: Disaster plan. The facility's written disaster plan must be developed and maintained with assistance of qualified fire, safety, and other appropriate experts. The plan must include—

(1) Procedures for prompt transfer of casualties and records;
(2) Procedures for notifying community emergency personnel (for example, fire department, ambulance, etc.);
(3) Instructions regarding the location and use of alarm systems and signals and fire fighting equipment; and
(4) Specification of evacuation routes and procedures for leaving the facility.

(b) Standard: Drills and staff training.

(1) The facility must provide ongoing training and drills for all personnel associated with the facility in all aspects of disaster preparedness.
(2) All new personnel must be oriented and assigned specific responsibilities regarding the facility's disaster plan within two weeks of their first workday.

§ 485.66 Condition of participation: Utilization review plan.

The facility must have in effect a written utilization review plan that is implemented at least each quarter, to assess the necessity of services and promotes the most efficient use of services provided by the facility.

(a) Standard: Utilization review committee. The utilization review committee, consisting of the group of professional personnel specified in §485.56(c), a committee of this group, or a group of similar composition, comprised by professional personnel not associated with the facility, must carry out the utilization review plan.

(b) Standard: Utilization review plan. The utilization review plan must contain written procedures for evaluating—

(1) Admissions, continued care, and discharges using, at a minimum, the criteria established in the patient care policies;
(2) The applicability of the plan of treatment to established goals; and
(3) The adequacy of clinical records with regard to—

(i) Assessing the quality of services provided; and
(ii) Determining whether the facility's policies and clinical practices are compatible and promote appropriate and efficient utilization of services.

§ 485.70 Personnel qualifications.

This section sets forth the qualifications that must be met, as a condition of participation, under §485.58, and as a condition of coverage of services under §410.100 of this chapter.

(a) A facility physician must be a doctor of medicine or osteopathy who—

(1) Is licensed under State law to practice medicine or surgery; and
(2) Has had, subsequent to completing a 1-year hospital internship, at least 1 year of training in the medical management of patients requiring rehabilitation services; or
(3) Has had at least 1 year of full-time or part-time experience in a rehabilitation setting providing physicians' services similar to those required in this subpart.

(b) A licensed practical nurse must be licensed as a practical or vocational nurse by the State in which practicing, if applicable.

(c) An occupational therapist and an occupational therapy assistant must meet the qualifications in §484.4 of this chapter.

(d) An orthotist must—

(1) Be licensed by the State in which practicing, if applicable;