

42 CFR - Part 418

Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Hospice Conditions of Participation; Final Rule - June 5, 2008

EFFECTIVE DATE: These regulations are effective on December 2, 2008.

*****Note: All providers contracted with a hospice not yet accredited, must have a letter on file with the hospice stating they are currently working towards becoming accredited with an accreditation organization with deemed status from CMS by the December 2, 2008 deadline***.**

The following has been copied from page: 32313 of the Federal Register:

(f) *Standard: Use and maintenance of equipment and supplies.*

(1) The hospice must ensure that manufacturer recommendations for performing routine and preventive maintenance on durable medical equipment are followed. The equipment must be safe and work as intended for use in the patient's environment. Where a manufacturer recommendation for a piece of equipment does not exist, the hospice must ensure that repair and routine maintenance policies are developed. The hospice may use persons under contract to ensure the maintenance and repair of durable medical equipment.

(2) The hospice must ensure that the patient, where appropriate, as well as the family and/or other caregiver(s), receive instruction in the safe use of durable medical equipment and supplies. The hospice may use persons under contract to ensure patient and family instruction. The patient, family, and/or caregiver must be able to demonstrate the appropriate use of durable medical equipment to the satisfaction of the hospice staff.

(3) Hospices may only contract for durable medical equipment services with a durable medical equipment supplier that meets the Medicare DMEPOS Supplier Quality and Accreditation Standards at 42 CFR § 424.57.

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