


New Requirement for Ambulatory Care Organizations Providing Sleep Center Services

Human Resources (HR) Standard HR.02.01.03, EP 35 Effective January 1, 2018

Effective January 1, 2018, The Joint Commission will introduce a new element of performance (EP) for sleep diagnostic centers accredited under the **Ambulatory Health Care Accreditation Program**. The new requirement, which establishes minimum qualifications for physicians who interpret sleep studies, is designed to enhance the ability of The Joint Commission to assess the provision of safe and high-quality care in sleep centers.

The new EP is underlined below and will be posted to The Joint Commission's Prepublication Standards webpage

at http://www.jointcommission.org/standards_information/prepublicationstandards.aspx. It will also be published this fall in the 2018 E-dition® update, the 2017 *Update 2* to the *Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Ambulatory Care (CAMAC)*, the 2018 *CAMAC*, and the 2018 *Standards for Ambulatory Care*.

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APPLICABLE TO AMBULATORY CARE

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The organization grants initial, renewed, or revised clinical privileges to individuals who are permitted by law and the organization to practice independently.

Element of Performance for HR.02.01.03

35. © Before granting initial or revised privileges to physicians responsible for interpreting sleep studies, the organization verifies that they have at least one of the following qualifications:

- Certification in Sleep Medicine by the American Board of Sleep Medicine (ABSM) or by a member board of either the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA)
- A completed fellowship in sleep medicine through an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)–accredited program. Following the completed fellowship, certification in sleep medicine is completed within two examination cycles through the American Board of Sleep Medicine (ABSM) or a member board of either the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA).