

Immediate Jeopardy Triggers



Immediate Jeopardy is defined as “A situation in which the provider’s noncompliance with one or more requirements of participation has caused, or is likely to cause, serious injury, harm, impairment, or death...” (See 42 CFR Part 489.3.) When such a situation exists, immediate corrective action is needed.

Your organization may be at risk for an Immediate Jeopardy if your organization fails to:

- Protect patients from abuse
- Prevent patients from neglect
- Protect patients from psychological harm
- Protect patients from undue medication consequences
- Provide patients adequate nutrition and hydration
- Protect patients from nosocomial infections, such as:
 - Failure to practice standard precautions
 - Failure to maintain sterile techniques during invasive procedures
 - Failure to identify and treat nosocomial infections
- Correctly identify individuals
- Safely administer blood products
- Safely monitor organ transplants
- Provide patients safety from fire, smoke, and other environmental hazards
- Educate staff on how to handle emergency situations
- Provide initial medical screening, stabilization of emergency medical conditions and safe transfer for individuals with emergencies and woman in active labor seeking emergency treatment (EMTALA)

If your organization finds itself with an Immediate Jeopardy, you must act quickly to abate these deficient practices in order to avoid Medicare termination which could occur within 23-days of the exit conference.

Joint Commission Resources

can help you create a plan of removal and a plan of correction to prepare for a resurvey when in Immediate Jeopardy.

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