

indicated action is taken. (For Medicare patients, the plan must be reviewed by a physician, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or physician assistant at least every 30 days, in accordance with § 410.61(e) of this chapter.)

(4) Changes in the plan of care are noted in the clinical record. If the patient has an attending physician, the therapist or speech-language pathologist who furnishes the services promptly notifies him or her of any change in the patient's condition or in the plan of care.

(c) *Standard: Emergency care.* The organization provides for one or more doctors of medicine or osteopathy to be available on call to furnish necessary medical care in case of emergency. The established procedures to be followed by personnel in an emergency cover immediate care of the patient, persons to be notified, and reports to be prepared.

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**§ 485.713 Condition of participation: Physical therapy services.**

If the organization offers physical therapy services, it provides an adequate program of physical therapy and has an adequate number of qualified personnel and the equipment necessary to carry out its program and to fulfill its objectives.

(a) *Standard: Adequate program.* (1) The organization is considered to have an adequate outpatient physical therapy program if it can:

(i) Provide services using therapeutic exercise and the modalities of heat, cold, water, and electricity;

(ii) Conduct patient evaluations; and

(iii) Administer tests and measurements of strength, balance, endurance, range of motion, and activities of daily living.

(2) A qualified physical therapist is present or readily available to offer supervision when a physical therapist assistant furnishes services.

(i) If a qualified physical therapist is not on the premises during all hours of operation, patients are scheduled so as to ensure that the therapist is present

when special skills are needed, for example, for evaluation and reevaluation.

(ii) When a physical therapist assistant furnishes services off the organization's premises, those services are supervised by a qualified physical therapist who makes an onsite supervisory visit at least once every 30 days.

(b) *Standard: Facilities and equipment.* The organization has the equipment and facilities required to provide the range of services necessary in the treatment of the types of disabilities it accepts for service.

(c) *Standard: Personnel qualified to provide physical therapy services.* Physical therapy services are provided by, or under the supervision of, a qualified physical therapist. The number of qualified physical therapists and qualified physical therapist assistants is adequate for the volume and diversity of physical therapy services offered. A qualified physical therapist is on the premises or readily available during the operating hours of the organization.

(d) *Standard: Supportive personnel.* If personnel are available to assist qualified physical therapists by performing services incident to physical therapy that do not require professional knowledge and skill, these personnel are instructed in appropriate patient care services by qualified physical therapists who retain responsibility for the treatment prescribed by the attending physician.

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**§ 485.715 Condition of participation: Speech pathology services.**

If speech pathology services are offered, the organization provides an adequate program of speech pathology and has an adequate number of qualified personnel and the equipment necessary to carry out its program and to fulfill its objectives.

(a) *Standard: Adequate program.* The organization is considered to have an adequate outpatient speech pathology program if it can provide the diagnostic and treatment services to effectively treat speech disorders.

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(b) *Standard: Facilities and equipment.* The organization has the equipment and facilities required to provide the range of services necessary in the treatment of the types of speech disorders it accepts for service.

(c) *Standard: Personnel qualified to provide speech pathology services.* Speech pathology services are given or supervised by a qualified speech pathologist and the number of qualified speech pathologists is adequate for the volume and diversity of speech pathology services offered. At least one qualified speech pathologist is present at all times when speech pathology services are furnished.

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**§ 485.717 Condition of participation: Rehabilitation program.**

This condition and its standards apply only to a rehabilitation agency's own patients, not to patients of hospitals, skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), or Medicaid nursing facilities (NFs) to whom the agency furnishes services. (The hospital, SNF, or NF is responsible for ensuring that qualified staff furnish services for which they arrange or contract for their patients.) The rehabilitation agency provides, in addition to physical therapy and speech-language pathology services, social or vocational adjustment services to all of its patients who need them. The agency provides for special qualified staff to evaluate the social and vocational factors, to counsel and advise on the social or vocational problems that arise from the patient's illness or injury, and to make appropriate referrals for needed services.

(a) *Standard: Qualification of staff.* The agency's social or vocational adjustment services are furnished as appropriate, by qualified psychologists, qualified social workers, or qualified vocational specialists. Social or vocational adjustment services may be performed by a qualified psychologist or qualified social worker. Vocational adjustment services may be furnished by a qualified vocational specialist.

(b) *Standard: Arrangements for social or vocational adjustment services.* (1) If a

rehabilitation agency does not provide social or vocational adjustment services through salaried employees, it may provide those services through a written contract with others who meet the requirements and responsibilities set forth in this subpart for salaried personnel.

(2) The contract must specify the term of the contract and the manner of termination or renewal and provide that the agency retains responsibility for the control and supervision of the services.

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**§ 485.719 Condition of participation: Arrangements for physical therapy and speech pathology services to be performed by other than salaried organization personnel.**

(a) *Conditions.* If an organization provides outpatient physical therapy or speech pathology services under an arrangement with others, the services are to be furnished in accordance with the terms of a written contract, which provides that the organization retains of professional and administrative responsibility for, and control and supervision of, the services.

(b) *Standard: Contract provisions.* The contract—

(1) Specifies the term of the contract and the manner of termination or renewal;

(2) Requires that personnel who furnish the services meet the requirements that are set forth in this subpart for salaried personnel; and

(3) Provides that the contracting outside resource may not bill the patient or Medicare for the services. This limitation is based on section 1861(w)(1) of the Act, which provides that—

(i) Only the provider may bill the beneficiary for covered services furnished under arrangements; and

(ii) Receipt of Medicare payment by the provider, on behalf of an entitled individual, discharges the liability of