

COMPARATIVE OVERVIEW OF ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS INFUSION SERVICES



PHARMACY



HOME INFUSION THERAPY

The chart below is a comparative overview of requirements for ACHC Accreditation programs related to infusion services delivered in home settings. Information is provided for Infusion Pharmacy (IRX), Pharmacy Infusion Nursing (IRN), and Home Infusion Therapy accreditation. ACHC Standards include applicable Medicare requirements.

All applicable requirements must be met to achieve or maintain ACHC Accreditation.

Requirement	Pharmacy: IRX	Pharmacy: IRN	Home Infusion Therapy (HIT)
Accreditation is required by CMS.	Yes, if providing DMEPOS services.	No	Yes
Medicare benefits are accepted.	Yes: Part B	No	Yes: Part B
Medicare Conditions for Coverage are applicable.	No	No	Yes
Medicare Quality & Supplier Standards are applicable.	Yes, if providing DMEPOS services.	No	No
Survey provides Medicare deemed status.	Yes, if providing DMEPOS services.	No	Yes
Survey is unannounced.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Record review is based on unduplicated admissions.	No	No	No
Home visit/skills competency must be demonstrated.	No	Yes, skills competency, home visit not required.	Yes
Minimum number of active patients is required for initial survey.	None	None	None
Minimum number of patients served is required for initial survey.	Five, Yes, for the DMEPOS component of survey	Yes, must have seen at least 1 in the home setting	Yes, Must have seen at least three in the home setting.
Patients are required to be homebound.	No	No	No
Patients must be Medicare beneficiaries.	Yes, for the DMEPOS component of survey on renewal	No	No
Care must be delivered in home	No	No	Yes. Care can also be provided in an assisted

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settings.			living community.
Services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.	Yes. Pharmacist must be available 24/7.	Yes	Yes
Drug administration is included.	Yes, if providing nursing services.	Yes	Yes
Care must be provided by a Registered Nurse.	No. Care can be provided by other licensed healthcare providers per the state's scope of practice.	No. Care can be provided by other licensed healthcare providers per the state's scope of practice.	No. Care must be provided under the supervision of an RN. LPNs/LVNs can provide care under RN supervision if it's within scope of practice for the state.
Remote monitoring is provided.	No	No	Yes
Care is ordered only by a physician.	No. Care can be ordered by a physician or other licensed practitioner with prescribing authority.	No. Care can be ordered by a physician or other licensed practitioner with prescribing authority.	Yes