








Standards Update Guide



UPDATE OVERVIEW

Listed below are summaries of ACHC Hospice Accreditation Standards updates for 2021. A major change across all ACHC programs in 2021 is deletion of the word “preferred” from standards, since providers cannot be held to “preferred” requirements. Please review the following updates and compare them with previous standards applicable to the services you provide. Standards updates listed apply to all applicable services.

Standard	Update Summary	Effective Date
HSP2-6A.01	 Clarified the requirement that online CPR certification is acceptable with in-person verification of competency.	February 1, 2021
HSP4-2H	 Removed the preference that hospice providers recheck criminal background history and the sex offender registry at least every three years on all personnel who provide direct care.	February 1, 2021
HSP4-6A.01	 Removed the preference that hospice providers encourage supervisors to attend ongoing education programs to improve their supervisory skills.	February 1, 2021
HSP4-12B.01	 Removed the preference that hospice providers not use surviving family members as volunteers until the family members have completed a bereavement period of at least one year.	February 1, 2021
HSP5-6A.02	 Decreased the observation time required after the first dose of a medication. The clinician who administers the first dose can now observe the patient for a half hour instead of one hour after administration of the first dose.	February 1, 2021
HSP7-1A	 Removed the requirement that the TB Exposure Control Plan includes a current agency assessment, including the prevalence rate of TB in the communities served by the agency and the rate of TB of the patients served by the agency.  The organization now is required to conduct an annual TB risk assessment to determine the need, type, and frequency of testing/assessment for direct care personnel.	February 1, 2021



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