

**481—49.4(135R) General licensing standards.**

**49.4(1)** *Federal specific conditions of coverage.* A state-licensed ambulatory surgical center shall comply with the specific conditions for coverage in the federal Medicare program for ambulatory surgical centers under 42 CFR Part 416, Subpart C, as amended to July 1, 2023, and federal interpretive guidelines for such regulations, including Appendix L of the State Operations Manual published by CMS, Rev. 215, as amended to July 21, 2023, or an accreditation standard of The Joint Commission, the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgical Facilities, the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, or an accrediting organization approved by CMS for federal certification if the state-licensed ambulatory surgical center is inspected by an accrediting organization pursuant to subrule 49.3(1).

**49.4(2)** *Construction and physical environment standards.* In accordance with subrule 49.4(1), the construction and physical environment standards of 42 CFR 416.44 as amended to July 1, 2023, are adopted. Ambulatory surgical centers built in compliance with construction and environment standards applicable at the time of building approval or building plan approval under subrule 49.2(1) are deemed in compliance with subsequent regulations, with the exception of any structural renovations, additions, functional alterations, or changes in space utilization after the date of approval. Any such structural renovations, additions, functional alterations, or changes in space utilization that will occur after the licensee's initial approval shall be reviewed and approved in accordance with paragraph 49.2(3) "b" prior to such changes being made.

**49.4(3)** *External reporting.* An ambulatory surgical center shall report quality data to the Iowa department of health and human services consistent with the data required to be reported to CMS in accordance with rules promulgated by the Iowa department of health and human services.

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