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Title 22. Social Security

Division 5. Licensing and Certification of Health Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Clinics, and Referral Agencies

Chapter 1. General Acute Care Hospitals

Article 3. Basic Services

22 CCR § 70251

§ 70251. Radiological Service Definition.

Radiological service means the use of X-ray, other external ionizing radiation, and/or thermography, and/or ultra sound in the detection, diagnosis and treatment of human illnesses and injuries with appropriate staff, space, equipment and supplies. Ultra sound although properly the province of physical medicine, may be considered part of the radiological service.

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22 CCR § 70251, 22 CA ADC § 70251

22 CCR § 70253

§ 70253. Radiological Service General Requirements.

- (a) All hospitals shall maintain a diagnostic radiological service.
- (b) Written policies and procedures shall be developed and maintained by the person responsible for the service in consultation with other appropriate health professionals and administration. Policies shall be approved by the governing body. Procedures shall be approved by the administration and medical staff where such is appropriate.
- (c) The responsibility and the accountability of the radiological service to the medical staff and administration shall be defined.
- (d) The use, storage and shielding of all radiation machines and radioactive materials shall comply with the California Radiation Control Regulations, Subchapter 4, Chapter 5, Title 17, California Administrative Code.
- (e) All persons operating or supervising the operation of X-ray machines shall comply with the requirements of the Radiologic Technology Regulations, Subchapter 4.5, Chapter 5, Title 17, California Administrative Code.
- (f) Diagnostic radiological services may be performed on the order of a person lawfully authorized to give such an order.
- (g) Reports of radiological service examinations shall be filed in the patient's medical record and maintained in the radiology unit.
- (h) X-ray films or reproductions thereof, shall be retained for the same period of time as is required for other parts of the patient's medical record.
- (i) Periodically, an appropriate committee of the medical staff shall evaluate the services provided and make appropriate recommendations to the executive committee of the medical staff and administration.

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22 CCR § 70255

§ 70255. Radiological Service Staff.

(a) A physician shall have overall responsibility for the radiological service. This physician shall be certified or eligible for certification by the American Board of Radiology. If such a radiologist is not available on a full-time or regular part-time basis, a physician, with training and experience in radiology, may administer the service. In this circumstance, a radiologist, qualified as above, shall provide consultation services at suitable intervals to assure high quality service.

(b) Sufficient certified radiologic technologists shall be employed to meet the needs of the service being offered.

(c) There shall be at least one person on duty or on call at all times capable of operating radiological equipment.

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22 CCR § 70257

§ 70257. Radiological Service Equipment and Supplies.

(a) There shall be sufficient equipment and supplies maintained to adequately perform the radiological services that are offered in the hospital. As a minimum, the following equipment shall be available:

(1) At least one radiographic and fluoroscopic unit. On and after January 1, 1977, fluoroscopic units shall be equipped with image intensifiers.

(2) Film processing equipment.

(b) Proper resuscitative and monitoring equipment shall be immediately available.

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22 CCR § 70259

§ 70259. Radiological Service Space.

(a) There shall be sufficient space maintained to adequately provide radiological services. This shall include but not be limited to the following:

(1) A separate X-ray room large enough to accommodate the necessary radiographic equipment and to allow easy maneuverability of stretchers and wheelchairs.

(2) Toilet facilities located adjacent to or in the immediate vicinity.

(3) Dressing room facilities for patients.

(4) Film processing area.

(5) Sufficient storage space for all the necessary X-ray equipment, supplies and for exposed X-ray film and copies of reports.

(6) Suitable area for viewing and reporting of radiographic examinations.

(b) If X-ray examinations are to be performed on outpatients, outpatient access to the radiological spaces shall not traverse a nursing unit.

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