

(III) MONITOR CORRECTIVE ACTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 19-360 OF THIS SUBTITLE, FOR ANY SERIOUS OR LIFE-THREATENING PATIENT CARE DEFICIENCY IDENTIFIED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS, THE HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION, OR THE DEPARTMENT.

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(a) This section applies to:

(1) Nonaccredited hospitals found in violation of the standards adopted under this subtitle; [and]

(2) Accredited hospitals:

(I) [found] FOUND deficient as a result of the complaint review process; OR

(II) SUBJECT TO INSPECTION BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER § 19-308(B)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE AS A RESULT OF A SERIOUS OR LIFE-THREATENING PATIENT CARE DEFICIENCY IDENTIFIED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS, THE HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION, OR THE DEPARTMENT; AND

(3) ACCREDITED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTERS SUBJECT TO INSPECTION BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER § 19-308(B)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE AS A RESULT OF A SERIOUS OR LIFE-THREATENING PATIENT CARE DEFICIENCY IDENTIFIED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS, THE HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION, OR THE DEPARTMENT.

(b) (1) If conditions are found to be detrimental to patient health, safety, or welfare, the Department shall allow the hospital OR RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER 30 days to address the deficiencies in other than SERIOUS OR life-threatening situations.

(2) If corrections cannot be completed within the 30-day period, the Department may accept a plan of correction FROM THE HOSPITAL OR RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER based upon evidence that corrective action has been undertaken by the hospital OR RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER.

(3) Periodic updates of the plan of correction FROM THE HOSPITAL OR RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER may be requested by the Department.

(c) If a SERIOUS OR life-threatening condition is found to exist, the Department may order the hospital OR RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER to initiate immediate corrective action, AND THE HOSPITAL OR RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER SHALL BE SUBJECT TO INSPECTION BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER § 19-308 OF THIS SUBTITLE. [If the hospital is unable or unwilling to correct the condition, the Department may:]