Kansas Administrative Regulations

Department of Health and Environment

Article 34.—Hospitals—Part 2. Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

28-34-52b. Assessment and care of patients.

(a) Each patient admitted to the ambulatory surgical center shall be under the care of a practitioner who is a member of the medical staff.

(b) Patient care shall meet the needs of the patient and shall be provided by qualified personnel.

(c) An initial assessment of each patient shall be completed by qualified staff. The assessment shall include the following information:

(1) The patient's current physical status;

(2) a history and physical completed within 30 days before any procedure performed at the ambulatory surgical facility;

(3) the results of clinical laboratory tests or diagnostic reports;

(4) a preanesthesia evaluation conducted by a licensed, qualified practitioner granted clinical privileges by the medical staff and governing body; and

(5) the patient's nutritional status.

(d) Each patient's identity shall be verified before the administration of any medication.

(e) Blood and blood products may be administered only by a physician or a registered nurse.

(f) Each patient's status shall be evaluated during anesthesia administration and shall be evaluated by a physician for proper anesthesia recovery before discharge.

(g) The ambulatory surgical center shall have a written transfer agreement with a local hospital for the immediate transfer of any patient requiring medical care beyond the capability of the ambulatory surgical center, or each physician performing surgery at the ambulatory surgical center shall have admitting privileges with a local hospital.

(h) If a patient is transferred to another facility, essential medical information, including the diagnosis, shall be forwarded with the patient to ensure continuity of care.

(i) Each patient shall be discharged in the company of a responsible adult, unless this requirement is specifically waived by the attending physician.

(j) Discharge planning shall include education for each patient and caregiver. The patient education shall be interdisciplinary and include at least the following information:

(1) The patient's medical condition;

(2) the procedure and outcome of procedures performed;

(3) the need and availability of follow-up care; and

(4) the use of prescribed medication and medical equipment.

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