



AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITY STATE LICENSURE CHECKLIST

SURGICAL SERVICES

The ambulatory surgical facility licensing regulations (the “Licensing Regulations”) are intended to guide the development and management of surgical services.¹ An ambulatory surgical facility (“ASF”) must:

- Adopt and implement policies and procedures that:
 - Identify areas where surgery and invasive procedures may be performed;
 - Define staff access to areas where surgery and invasive procedures are performed;
 - Identify practitioners’ and advanced registered nurse practitioners’ privileges for operating room staff; and
 - Define staff qualifications and oversight;
- Use facility policies and procedures which define standards of care;
- Implement a system to identify and indicate the correct surgical site prior to beginning a surgical procedure;
- Provide emergency equipment, supplies, and services to surgical and invasive areas;
- Provide separate refrigerated storage equipment with temperature alarms, when blood is stored in the surgical department; and
- Assure a registered nurse qualified by training and experience functions as the circulating nurse in every operating room whenever deep sedation or general anesthesia are used during surgical procedures.

¹ See WAC 246-330-210.

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