



## AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITY STATE LICENSURE CHECKLIST

### EMERGENCY SERVICES

The ambulatory surgical facility licensing regulations (the “Licensing Regulations”) are intended to guide the management and care of patients receiving emergency services.<sup>1</sup> Under the Licensing Regulations, an ambulatory surgical facility (“ASF”) must:

- Develop, implement and maintain a facility safety and emergency training program that includes:
  - On-site equipment, medication and trained personnel to manage any medical emergency that may arise from the services provided or sought;
  - A written and signed transfer agreement with one or more local hospitals that has been approved by the ASF’s medical staff;
  - Policies and a procedural plan for handling medical emergencies; and
  - Defining the qualifications and oversight of staff delivering emergency care services;
- At all times a patient is present, assure at least one registered nurse skilled and trained in emergency care services is on duty and in the ASF, who is:
  - Immediately available to provide care; and
  - Trained and current in advanced cardiac life support;
- Assure communication with agencies and health care providers as indicated by patient condition; and
- Assure emergency equipment, supplies and services necessary to meet the needs of patients are immediately available.

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<sup>1</sup> See WAC 246-330-225.