

EMAIL ALERT

New ASC Admission Requirement Took Effect on 3/2/2011

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (the "CDPHE") amended the ASC patient admission requirements to reflect the higher acuity of patients receiving surgery in ASCs. The amended rule, which took effect on March 2, 2011, requires the procedure physician to document in writing that the patient is in good health or that any pre-existing health conditions are adequately controlled, require no special management, and are such that performance of the procedure in an ASC, rather than a hospital setting, does not pose an increased risk to the patient. An ASC's written admission policies and procedures must be updated to reflect the new requirement. A copy of the amended rule, 6 CCR 1011-1, Chapter XX, Rule VII.D.1, can be viewed on CDPHE's website at:

http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/regulations/healthfacilities/10110120_ambulatorysurgicalcenters.pdf



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