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STANDARD	REQUIRED ELEMENTS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	SCORING PROCEDURE
02.00.08 Emergency services readiness	☐ Compliant ☐ Not Compliant	This standard is not met as evidenced by:
Effective July 1, 2025, adequate provisions and protocols must be established to meet the emergency needs of patients in accordance with the complexity and scope of services offered. §485.618(e) Protocols must be consistent with nationally recognized and evidence-based guidelines for the care of patients with emergency conditions, including but not limited to patients with obstetrical emergencies, complications, and immediate post-delivery care. §485.618(e)(1) Applicable staff, as identified by the hospital, must be trained annually on the protocols and provisions implemented pursuant to this standard. §485.618(e)(2) The governing body must identify and document which staff must complete	PROTOCOLS Protocols must be in place to address the emergency needs of patients, consistent with nationally recognized and evidence-based guidelines for the care of patients with emergency conditions. Protocols must specifically cover obstetrical emergencies, complications, and immediate post-delivery care.	OBSERVATION, INTERVIEW, AND DOCUMENT REVIEW Verify: Protocols consistent with nationally recognized and evidence-based guidelines are in place to meet patients' emergency needs, including obstetrical emergencies, complications, and immediate post-delivery care. The hospital provides annual training to applicable staff on the protocols and provisions related to emergency care. This includes obstetrical emergencies, complications, and immediate post-delivery care. Documentation: The governing body has documented which staff members must complete required training. Successful completion of training is documented in each applicable staff member's personnel record.
such training. §485.618(e)(2)(i) The CAH must document in the staff personnel records that the training was successfully completed. §485.618(e)(2)(ii)		 The hospital can demonstrate that staff have sufficient knowledge of the emergency protocols and provisions through evaluations or assessments. The hospital uses findings from its QAPI Program to inform ongoing training needs.



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The CAH must be able to demonstrate staff knowledge on such training. §485.618(e)(2)(iii) The CAH must use findings from its QAPI program, as required at §485.641, to inform staff training needs and any additions, revisions, or updates to training topics on an ongoing basis. §485.618(e)(2)(iv)		