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Listed below are standards updated in 2025 for ACHC Hospice Accreditation. Changes align with 2025 updates from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Organizations must be compliant with changes on the effective date and must maintain compliance throughout their accreditation period.

ACHC Standard	Services Applicable	Update Summary	Effective Date
HSP1-8C	HSP	 Revised language: Replaced the word "contract" with "written agreement."	August 1, 2025
HSP1-11A	HSP	 Added language to match CMS language.	August 1, 2025
HSP2-5A	HSP, HIC	 Revised for clarity on signature requirements.	August 1, 2025
HSP28-A.02	HSP, HIC	 Removed: "cultural."	August 1, 2025
		 Revised for clarity regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Patient-centered care.</li><li>■ Training frequency.</li></ul>	
HSP2-15A	HSP, HIC	 Revised to match CMS language: Removed the word "medical" when it refers to the social worker.	August 1, 2025
HSP2-15B	HSP, HIC	 Revised to match CMS language: Changed the word "may" to "must."	August 1, 2025
HSP2-15E	HSP, HIC	 Revised to match CMS language: Added the word "must."	August 1, 2025
HSP2-16E	HSP	 Revised to match CMS standard language.	August 1, 2025
HSP4-2H	HSP, HIC	 Revised to match CMS language: Changed "direct patient care" to "direct patient contact."	August 1, 2025
HSP4-4A	HSP, HIC	 Revised language: Replaced "Cultural diversity" with "Patient-specific needs."	August 1, 2025
HSP4-6A.01	HSP, HIC	 Revised language: Replaced "Cultural diversity" with "Patient-specific needs."	August 1, 2025

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HSP4-11D	HSP, HIC	↻ Revised to match CMS language: Removed the word "medical" when it refers to the social worker.	August 1, 2025
HSP4-11D.01	HSP, HIC	↻ Revised standard to match CMS language: Removed the word "medical" when it refers to the social worker and changed "BSW" to "bachelor's prepared social worker."	August 1, 2025
HSP4-11L	HSP, HIC	↻ Revised to match CMS language: Changed the word "are" to "must."	August 1, 2025
HSP4-11M	HSP, HIC	↻ Revised to match CMS language: Changed the word "are" to "must."	August 1, 2025
HSP4-11N	HSP, HIC	↻ Revised to match CMS language: Changed the word "are" to "must."	August 1, 2025
HSP5-1A	HSP, HIC	➞ Added CFR citations noted in the CMS standard.	August 1, 2025
HSP5-3C	HSP, HIC	↻ Revised to match CMS language.	August 1, 2025
HSP5-3C.01	HSP, HIC	↻ Revised to incorporate the new patient assessment tool. Hospice Outcomes and Patient Evaluation (HOPE) replaces the Hospice item Set (HIS) as part of the HQRP.	October 1, 2025
HSP5-4A	HSP, HIC	↻ Revised to match CMS language: Added the word "must."	August 1, 2025
HSP5-4F	HSP, HIC	↻ Revised to match CMS language: Added the word "must."	August 1, 2025
HSP5-5A	HSP, HIC	↻ Revised to match CMS language: Added the word "must."	August 1, 2025
HSP6-1A	HSP, HIC	↻ Revised to match CMS language: Added the word "must."	August 1, 2025
HSP6-4A	HSP, HIC	➞ Added language from the CMS standard.	August 1, 2025
HSP6-6B	HSP, HIC	↻ Revised to match CMS language: Added the word "must."	August 1, 2025
HSP6-7A	HSP, HIC	➞ Added language to match the CMS standard.	August 1, 2025
HSP7-1A	HSP, HIC	↻ Revised to match CMS language: Added the word "must."	August 1, 2025
HSP7-10A	HIC	➞ Added CMS standard citation.	August 1, 2025

