DATE: December 1, 2016

TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Director
Survey and Certification Group

SUBJECT: Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Appendix W Revisions

Memorandum Summary

- Revisions were made to the regulation language for CAH Emergency Services standard in 2004 and 2006 but those revisions were not included in Appendix W of the State Operations Manual (SOM).
- Corrections are being made at tag C-0207, standards §485.618(d)(1) through §485.618(d)(4), to reflect the current regulations.

We are making revisions to Appendix W, tag C-0207 to reflect the current regulatory language, citation numbers and requirements of §485.618(d)(1) through §485.618(d)(4). In addition the survey procedures under this tag have also been revised to reflect the current regulatory requirements.

Contact: Questions concerning this memorandum should be addressed to CAHSCG@cms.hhs.gov.

Effective Date: Immediately. This policy should be communicated with all survey and certification staff, their managers and the State/Regional Office training coordinators within 30 days of this memorandum.

/s/
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Attachment- Advanced Copy Appendix W

cc: Survey and Certification Regional Office Management