



## Minimum Requirements for Organizations/Programs Seeking Joint Commission Accreditation/Certification for the First Time\*\* and High Risk/Critical Services That Will Be Subject to a One-Year Follow-up Survey

*\*\*Note: It is not intended that the minimum number of patients will equate to the minimum number of tracers for all size organizations. As an organization increases in size, the required number of tracers also increases. The minimum number of patients is only a measure of patient volume that an organization must have before seeking Joint Commission accreditation or certification.*

Program	Volume of Patients/Services; Minimum Number	High Risk/Critical Services
<b>Ambulatory Care</b>	Three patients served, with one active at the time of survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ambulatory surgical centers and high-risk diagnostic sites/therapeutic settings (cardiac catheterization laboratories, dialysis and infusion therapy services) within an ambulatory care occupancy</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued on next page</i></p>

Program	Volume of Patients/Services; Minimum Number	High Risk/Critical Services
<b>Behavioral Health Care</b>	<p>All programs except Foster Care/Therapeutic Foster Care and Opiate Treatment Program (OTP)</p> <p><b>Methadone Detox programs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Five individuals served, with at least two active at the time of survey</li> </ul> <p><b>Foster Care/Therapeutic Foster Care programs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Three foster homes, at least two of which have care for at least one foster child</li> </ul> <p><b>OTP Methadone Detox programs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Three patients served</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Residential settings that provide services to children and adolescents</li> <li>● Services that provide mechanical restraints</li> </ul>
<b>Disease-Specific Care (DSC)</b>	<p><b>DSC Core Program and Primary Stroke Centers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 10 patients served</li> </ul> <p><b>Inpatient Diabetes/Chronic Kidney Disease/Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Centers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 30 patients served</li> </ul> <p><b>Lung Volume Reduction Surgery (LVRS)/Ventricular Assist Device (VAD):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● One patient served</li> </ul>	Not applicable because of the two-year certification cycle
<b>Home Care</b>	<p>All Home Care program segments except Home Care Deemed Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 10 patients served, with two active at the time of survey</li> </ul> <p><b>Home Care Deemed Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 10 patients served, with at least seven active at the time of survey, unless the organization is located in a medically underserved area</li> <li>● If the organization is located in a medically underserved area: five patients served, with at least two in active treatment at the time of survey</li> <li>● The organization must have provided nursing services and at least one other therapeutic service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Infusion</li> <li>● Services providing ventilator care</li> <li>● Services providing apnea monitoring, bili-lights*, oxygen, clinical respiratory home health, infusion, and dispensing high-risk drugs to neonates*</li> </ul>
<b>Hospitals/Critical Access Hospitals</b>	10 patients served, with one active at the time of survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All hospitals providing surgical and/or pediatric services with the exception of Critical Access Hospitals that are certified by the Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS) and had their one-year follow-up survey by CMS</li> </ul>
<b>Long Term Care</b>	Five residents served, with two active residents at the time of survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Not applicable because of annual state surveys</li> </ul>
<b>Office-Based Surgery</b>	Two patients served, with one patient served within a three-day window of survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Office-based surgical practices within an ambulatory health care occupancy</li> </ul>
<b>Health Care Staffing Services</b>	Ten clinical employees placed on assignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Not applicable because of two-year certification cycle</li> </ul>

\* Information not currently collected. If these services are approved as high-risk services, mechanisms for collecting this information will be developed.