



ISP Standards for Accreditation: At-a-Glance Changes

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On July 1, 2019 the American Academy of Sleep Medicine announced revisions to its Standards for Accreditation of Independent Sleep Practices (ISP) and Sleep Facilities. Independent Sleep Practices and Accredited Sleep Facilities are advised to review the revised [ISP](#) or [Facility Standards for Accreditation](#) carefully. Although the following summary is not an exhaustive list of every revision, it provides an itemized description of key changes to the Standards for Accreditation. Sleep Facilities should review the *Facility Standards for Accreditation: At-a-Glance Changes*.

Independent Sleep Practices must be compliant with the updated *ISP Standards for Accreditation* by November 1, 2019. Applicants who submit on July 1, 2019 or later will complete their application under the updated standards. Applicants who submitted their application prior to July 1, 2019, and are in application, will complete the remainder of their application under the previous standards; these applicants must still be compliant with the updated standards by November 1, 2019.

Section B. Personnel

Standards B-3, B-5, B-7 Continuing Education: Language was revised to clarify that 30 continuing education credits (averaged 10 credits per year over the past 36 months) is required at the time of application submission.

Section D. Facility and Equipment

Standard D-2 Phone Line: Language was removed to eliminate the need for a “designated” phone line. Facilities must have a phone to receive incoming or make outgoing calls; however, the need for a “designated” phone line is no longer necessary.

Standard D-4 Stationary: Language was revised to allow professional stationary to be in paper or electronic format. This stationary needs to include the name, and/or address and phone number of the facility.

Section F. Data Acquisition, Scoring and Reporting

Standard F-2 Diagnosis of Sleep Disorders: Language was formatted into two sections to clarify that only a licensed physician, and APRN in certain states, can diagnose a medical condition; and an individual board certified in sleep medicine must review the diagnoses based upon the interpretation of a sleep study made by individuals who are not certified in sleep medicine.

Section K. Safety

Standard K-2 Occupational Safety: Language was removed to require eyewash stations. In addition, language was revised to clarify that the facility needs to have access to safety data sheets for hazardous materials used in the sleep facility.

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