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**RE: New York Office-Based Surgery Adverse Event Reporting Requirements**

The 2018 AAAHC *Accreditation Handbook for Ambulatory Health Care* details various State of New York Office-Based Surgery (OBS) organization accreditation requirements, including adverse event reporting requirements. The information below replaces and supplements page 5 of the 2018 AAAHC *Handbook* regarding State of New York Office-Based Surgery (OBS) adverse event reporting requirement updates.

- Effective April 13, 2016, the deadline for submission of OBS adverse event reports has been extended from 24 hours to 72 hours. NY CLS Pub Health § 230-d(4)(a).
- Also effective April 13, 2016, office-based surgery practitioners must report two additional types of adverse events: (1) unplanned emergency department visits within 72 hours of office-based surgery; and (2) unscheduled assignment to observation services within a hospital within seventy-two hours of the office-based surgery. NY CLS Pub Health § 230-d(1)(b).
- These new types of OBS adverse events are in addition to the following previously mandated types of adverse events: unplanned transfer to a hospital or emergency department from an OBS practice; unscheduled admission to the hospital for longer than 24 hours within seventy-two hours of office-based surgery; patient death within thirty days; suspected transmission of blood-borne pathogens from staff to patients or between patients; and any other serious or life-threatening event (defined primarily as the National Quality Forum's serious reportable events). NY CLS Pub Health § 230-d.

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