

CHAPTER 2

MEDICAL FACILITIES AND PATIENT MANAGEMENT

I. MEDICAL FACILITIES4-2.1 UTILIZATION REVIEW COMMITTEEA. Purpose.

- (1) To establish a formal plan to maintain the highest possible quality of patient care and effective utilization of health services by routine audits of medical records to determine if medical care, and utilization of the facility are appropriate.
- (2) To assure that Indian Health Service hospitals meet the standards of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

B. Policy. Each IHS hospital will have in effect a plan for monthly utilization review of inpatient services to include at least:

- (1) A review of the medical necessity of admissions.
- (2) A review of professional services provided. (Overuse or underuse, logical substantiation of diagnoses, proper use of consultants, whether required diagnostic workups were initiated and carried out promptly, etc.)
- (3) A review and evaluation of the diagnostic procedures and treatment prescribed.
- (4) A review of factors relating to duration of stay (hospital staffing, assistance in discharge planning, availability of out-of-hospital facilities and services which assure continuity of care, etc.)

C. Standards.(1) Approval and Operation of Plan

- a. The Area Office is responsible for the approval of the hospital's plan.
- b. The hospital's staff is responsible for its operation.

(2) Written Description of Plan

Each hospital shall have a currently applicable, written description of its utilization review plan. Such description includes: