

Week 6:

Please use the case above to reflect on the following questions.

- **Briefly describe and differentiate between the TJC accreditation and CMS guidelines. Evaluate how these guidelines might influence the survey preparation.**
- **Medicare.gov's Hospital Compare has information about the quality of care at over 4,000 Medicare-certified hospitals:
<https://www.medicare.gov/hospitalcompare/search.html> (Links to an external site.).
Please reflect on the performance of one of your community hospitals using Hospital Compare's quality matrix.**

The Joint Commission (TJC) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) both provide government standards for health care organizations. They both ensure patient safety and quality care by evaluating the healthcare being delivered by the institution. The main difference between the two are TJC sets guidelines for facilities to follow for evaluation and accreditation, and CMS warrants certain patient factors be completed to allow incentives and reimbursement. A facility being accredited by TJC, benefits them by providing better results in medicine, giving the members of the community for that particular facility a sense of relief with high standards of care. This ensures safety and higher probabilities of quality outcomes. The expectations are also set at a reliable and measurable rate. This allows operational observation and documentation to be reviewed with ease.

“Although not always appreciated by direct-care nurses or unit-based managers, regulatory and accrediting bodies exert a pervasive influence over the provision of care in almost every hospital or healthcare system in the United States. Two entities exercise the greatest impact on patient care services in the United States, from admission of the patient through discharge planning and release or transfer to another level of care” (p. 107, 2015). The CMS is a federal agency that administers the United States’ major healthcare programs, Medicare and Medicaid. Like TJC, the CMS collects and analyzes data, produces research reports, and works to abolish cases of fraud and abuse within the healthcare system. The agency’s objectives, like TJC is to provide a healthcare system with better care and improved health, with one addition: access to healthcare coverage. The two agencies work with each other to ensure patients are receiving the care they need and deserve. This provides the idea that a patient receives high quality care and in turn the