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Proceduralists - Patient Safety Depends On You

A Federal (CMS) Conditional Participation citation was received for not ensuring that an immediate post procedure/post-op note was completed for each patient receiving anesthesia, moderate sedation, or deep sedation during the recent Joint Commission (JC) survey.

The note's purpose is patient safety in that it assists with communicating patient procedure events to the staff caring for the patient after they leave the OR or procedure room.

What do you need to do?

- **The proceduralist is responsible for completing the note.** Note completion may be delegated to a fellow, resident, PA-C, or NP assisting with the procedure.
- **Complete the immediate post procedure note prior to the patient leaving the procedure room or OR.** Proceduralists accompanying the patient to an intensive care unit may complete the note in the new location but must indicate such in the note.
- **The PowerNote titled "SN Immediate PostOP Note" meets all of the federally required documentation elements and can be used for both anesthesia and sedation cases:**
 - name of proceduralist & assistants;
 - post procedure diagnosis;
 - procedure(s) performed;
 - findings;
 - specimens; and
 - estimated blood loss
 - dated, timed, and signed

The attached document provides instructions on how to locate the template. **The note must be used for all procedures (surgical and non-surgical cases) that utilize moderate sedation, deep sedation, or anesthesia services regardless of patient location.**

- **Immediately implement completion of the note into your daily practice.**

JC surveyors will return between 8/22/2016 and 9/2/2016 to review medical records. If non-compliance continues the organization will undergo the federal decertification process thereby causing closure of the facilities.

Providers choosing to remain non-compliant will be required to appear before the Professional Standards Committee.