




Top Standards Compliance Data for First Half of 2015

The Joint Commission regularly aggregates standards compliance data to pinpoint areas that present the greatest challenges to accredited organizations and certified programs. These data help The Joint Commission recognize trends and tailor education around challenging standards; National Patient Safety Goals (NPSGs); the Universal Protocol for Preventing Wrong Site, Wrong Procedure, and Wrong Person Surgery™; and Accreditation or Certification Participation Requirements (APRs or CPRs).

The bar graphs on pages 3 to 8 identify the Joint Commission requirements identified most frequently as “not compliant” during surveys and reviews from January 1, 2015, through June 30, 2015. **The data represents citations only from organizations due to be surveyed during this time period—that is, data from for-cause surveys are not included.** While the text of the requirements also appears in the bar graphs, the full text of each (including notes, elements of performance, and scoring information) is published in the respective accreditation or certification manual (on E-dition® and in print).

The graphs generally display the 10 most frequently cited requirements in decreasing frequency for each program. Percentages indicate the number of organizations that received Requirements for Improvement (RFIs) for the standards shown. More than 10 standards are displayed for critical access hospitals, office-based surgery practices, and health care staffing services because several were tied in their percentage of RFIs; only 8 standards are displayed for palliative care because organizations achieved full compliance with the remaining standards.

Surveyors review compliance with all standards in manuals—these graphs are provided only to help organizations recognize potential trouble spots. As a reminder, The Joint Commission and the American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE) recently launched the Physical Environment Portal to provide resources for reducing findings of noncompliance in environment of care and life safety areas (see August 2015 *Perspectives*, pages 1, 3).

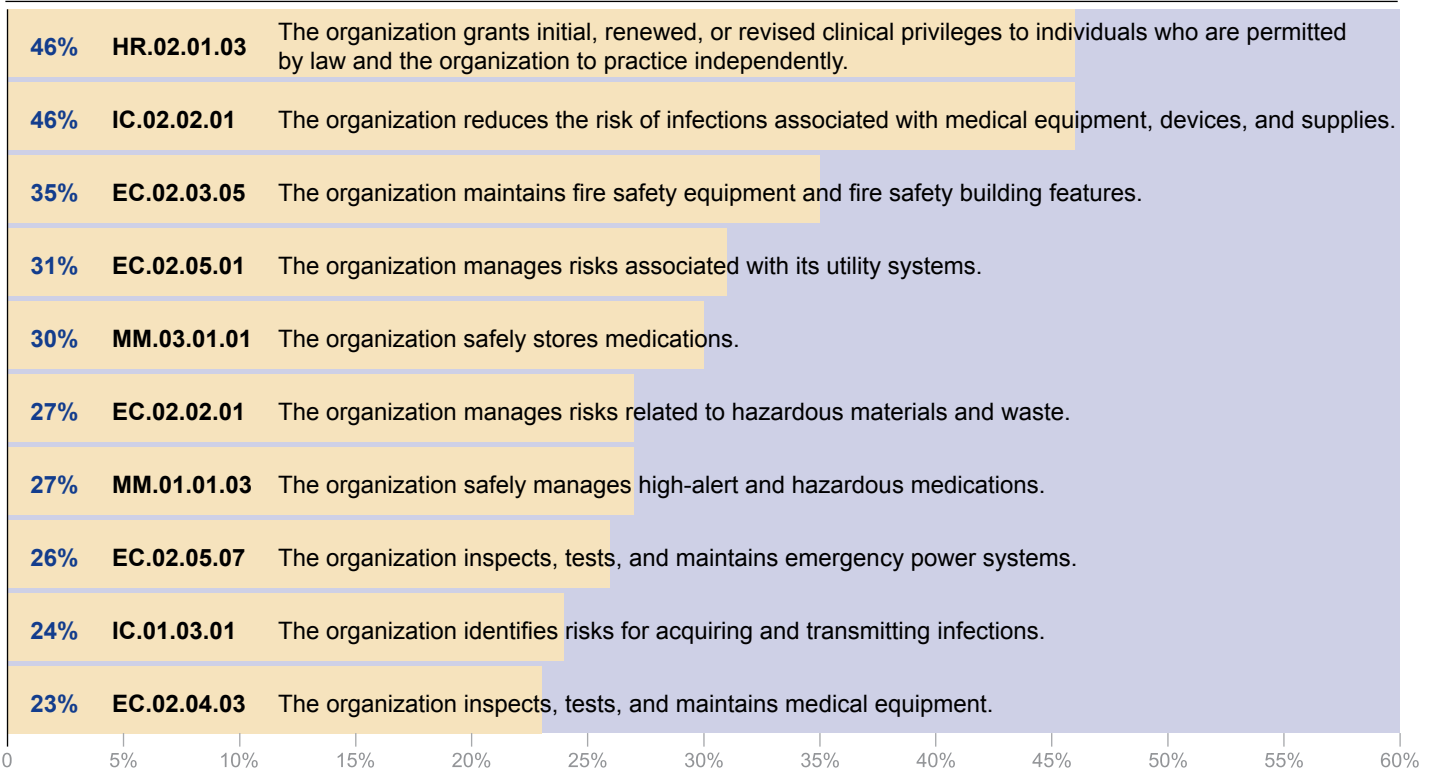
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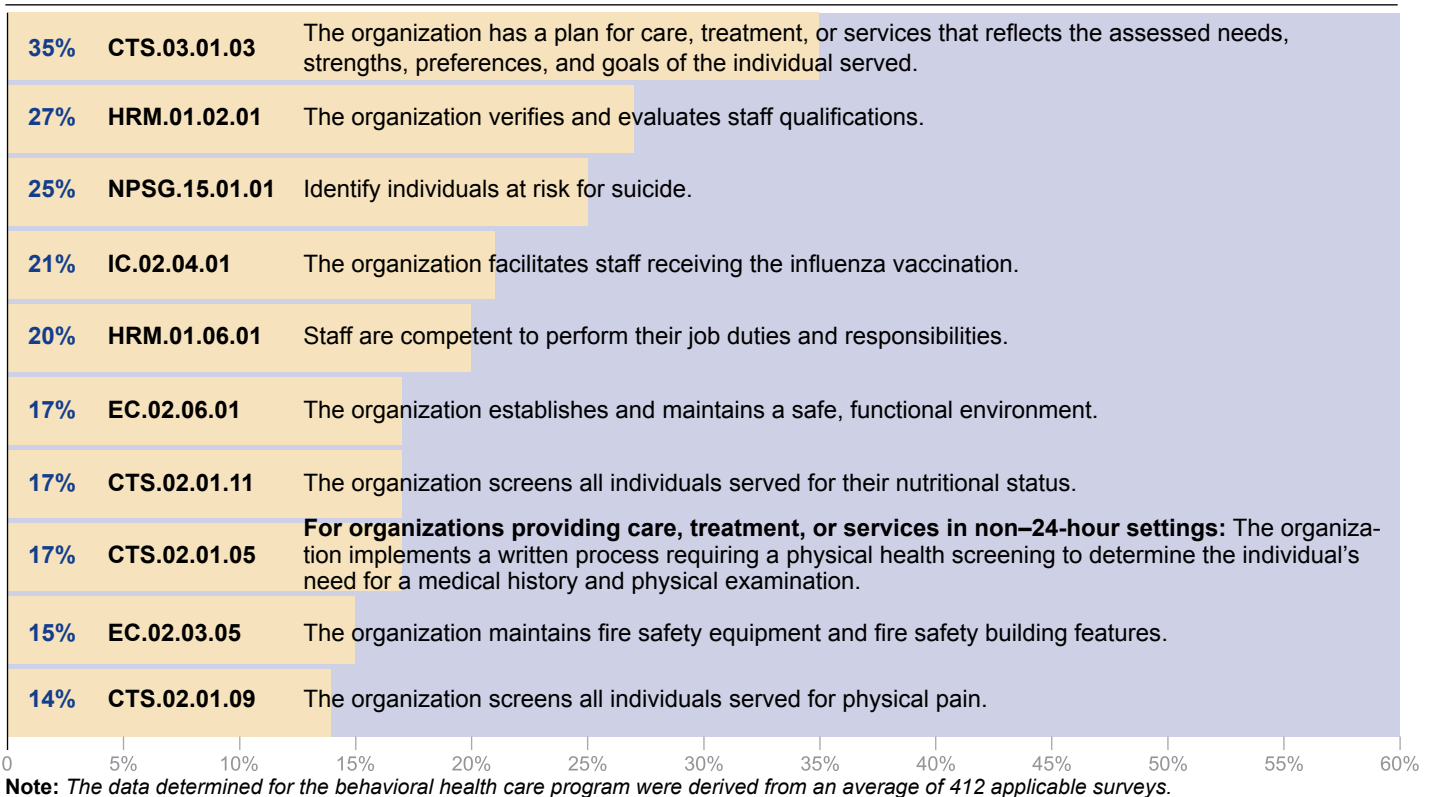
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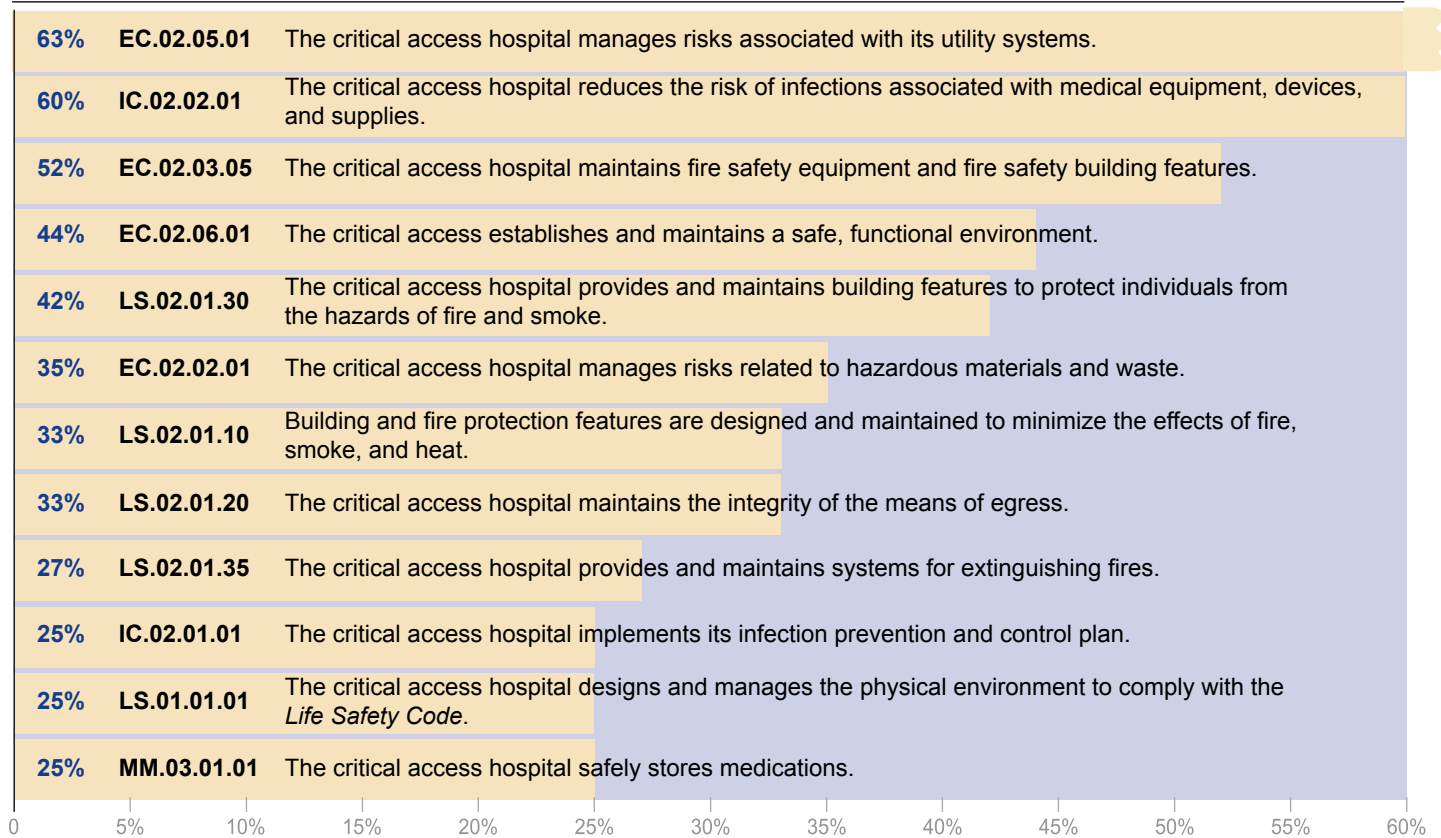
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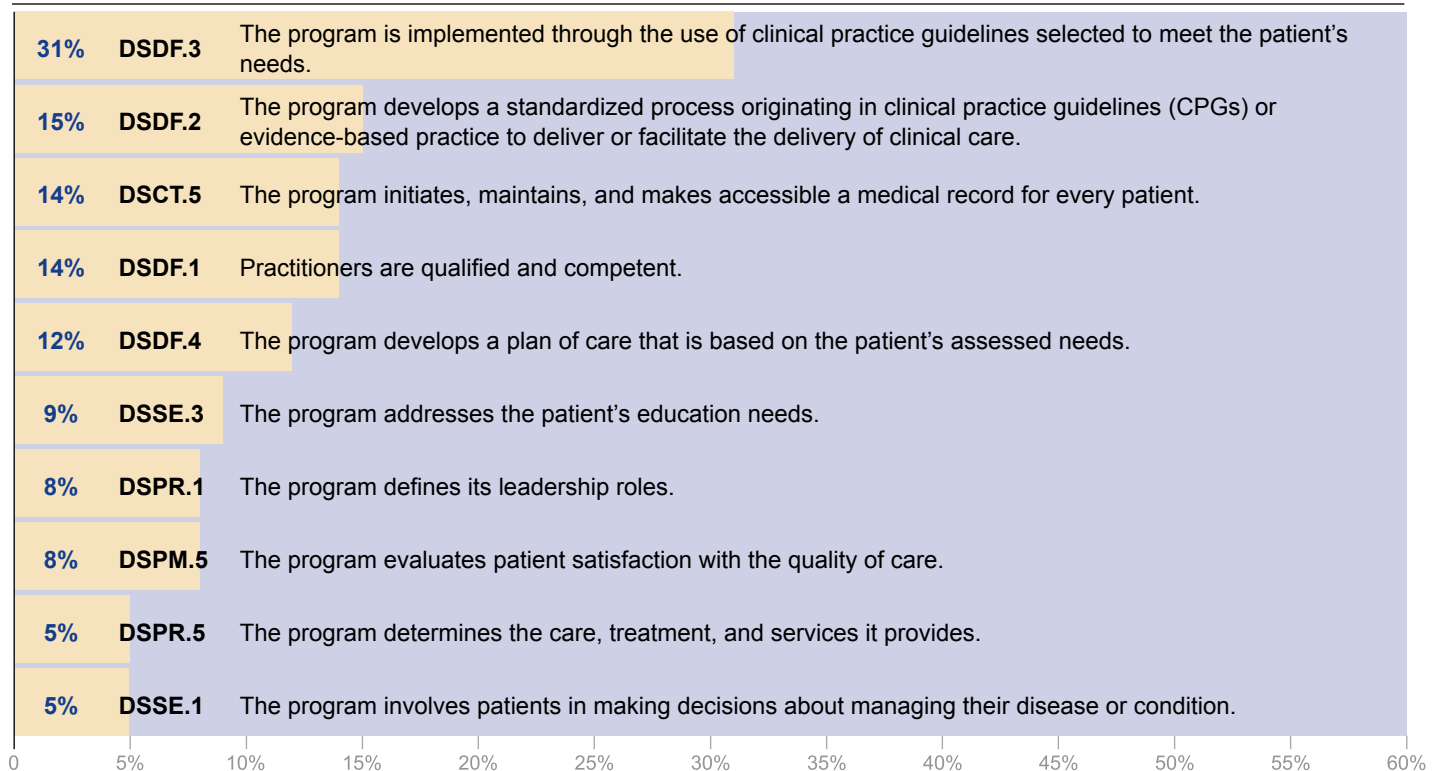


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CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS



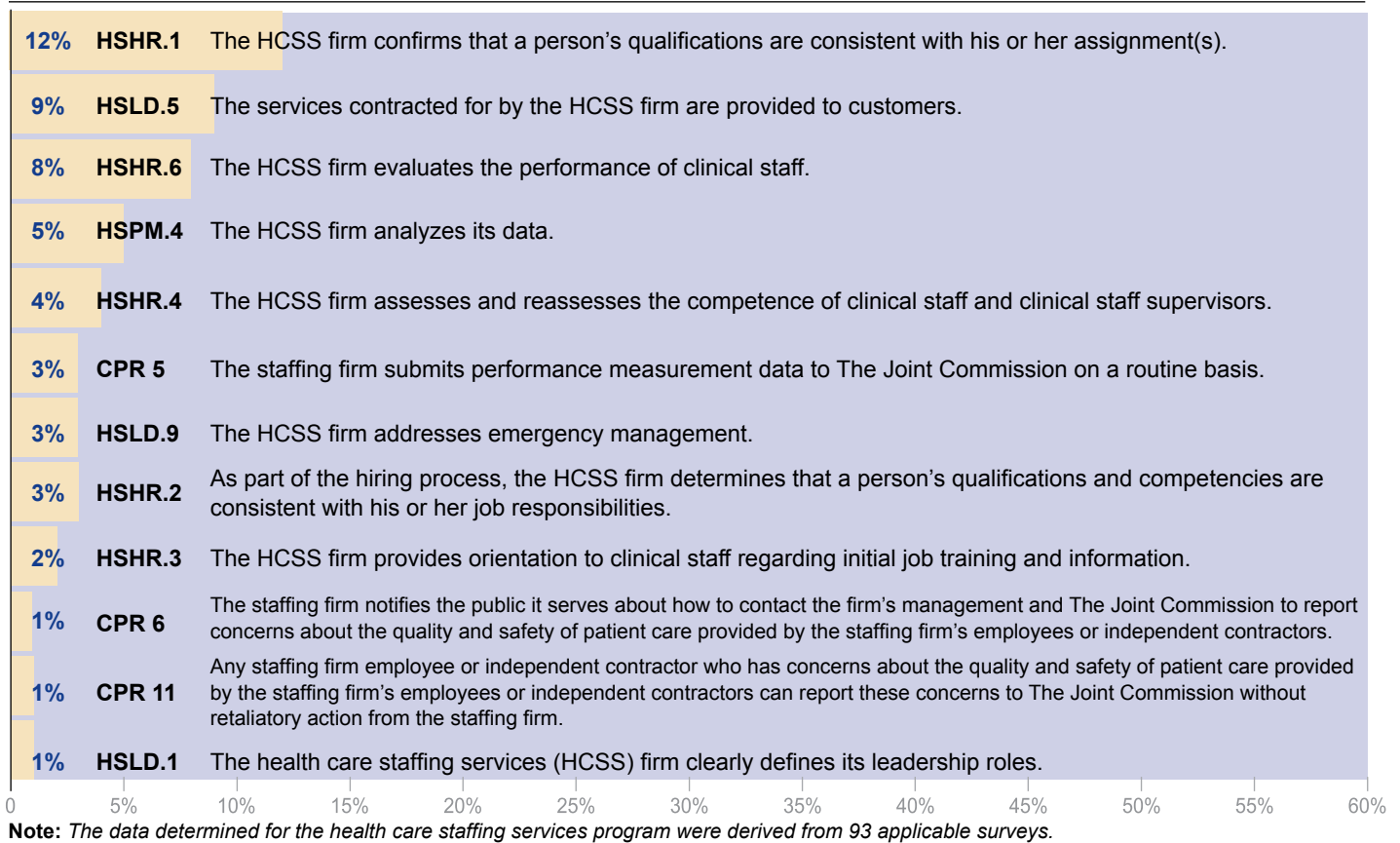
Note: The data determined for the critical access hospital program were derived from 48 applicable surveys.

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DISEASE-SPECIFIC CARE CERTIFICATION

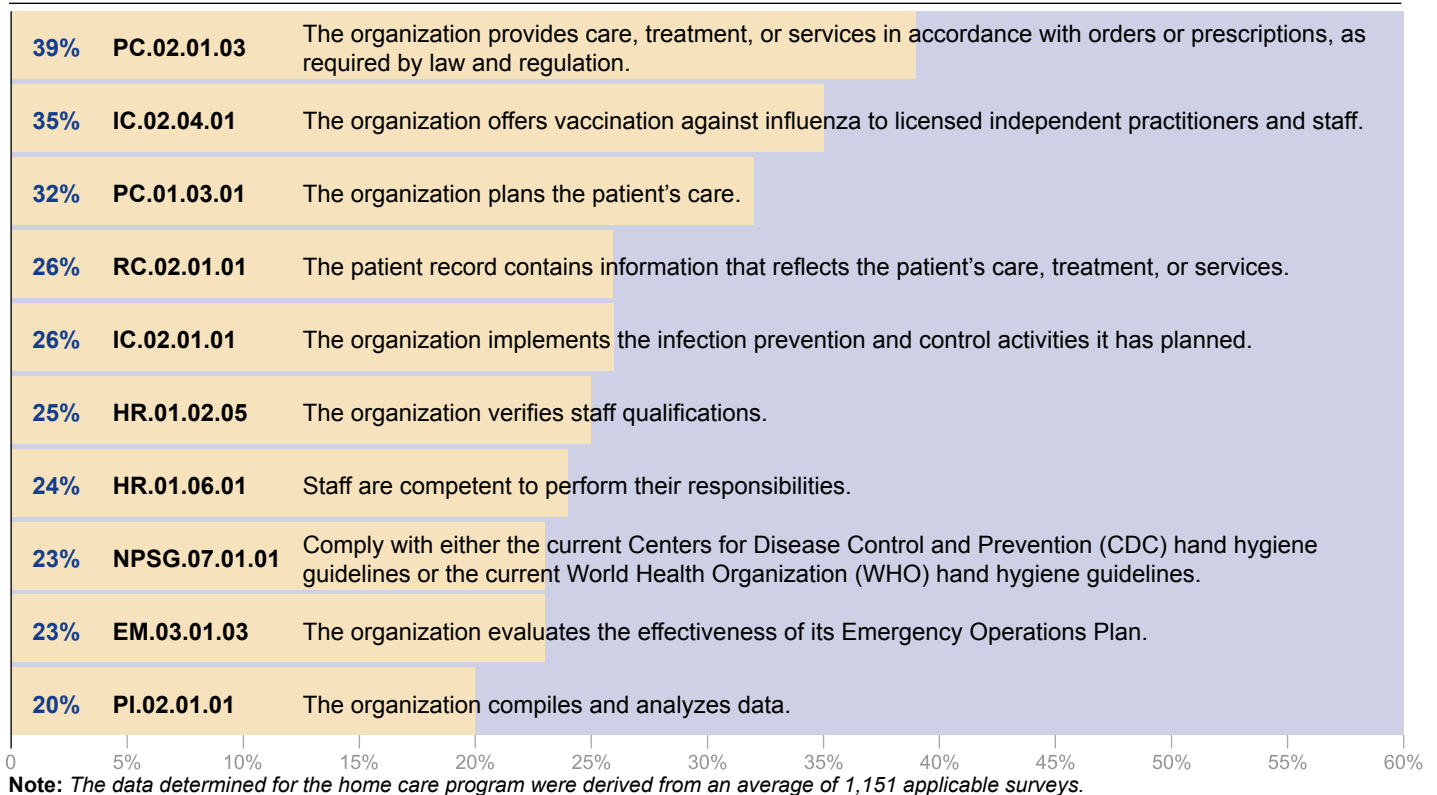


Note: The data determined for the disease-specific care program were derived from 698 applicable surveys (which do not include the 1 applicable survey for Advanced Certification for Lung Volume Reduction Surgery or the 33 applicable surveys for Advanced Certification for Ventricular Assist Device Destination Therapy).

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HEALTH CARE STAFFING SERVICES CERTIFICATION



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HOME CARE

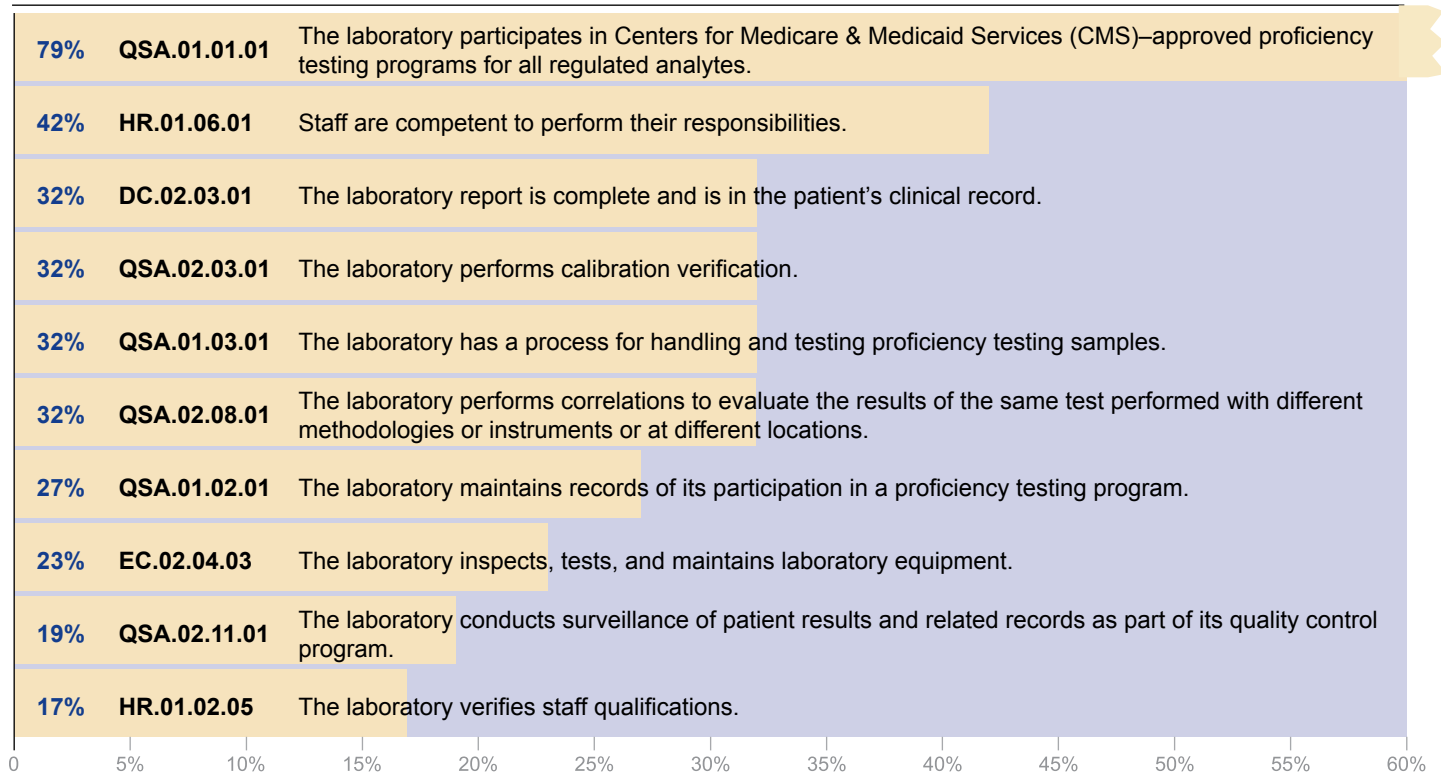


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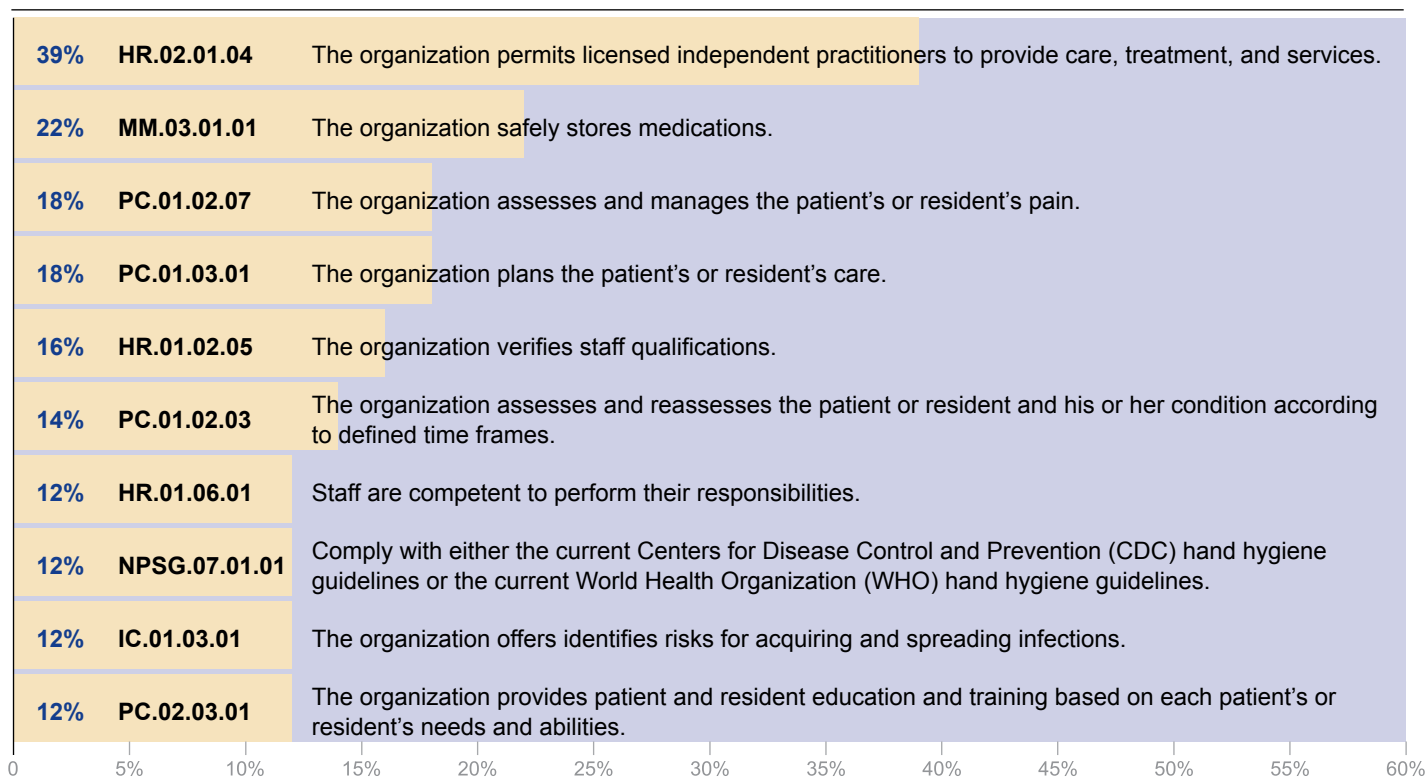
Note: The data determined for the hospital program were derived from 703 applicable surveys.

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LABORATORY AND POINT-OF-CARE TESTING



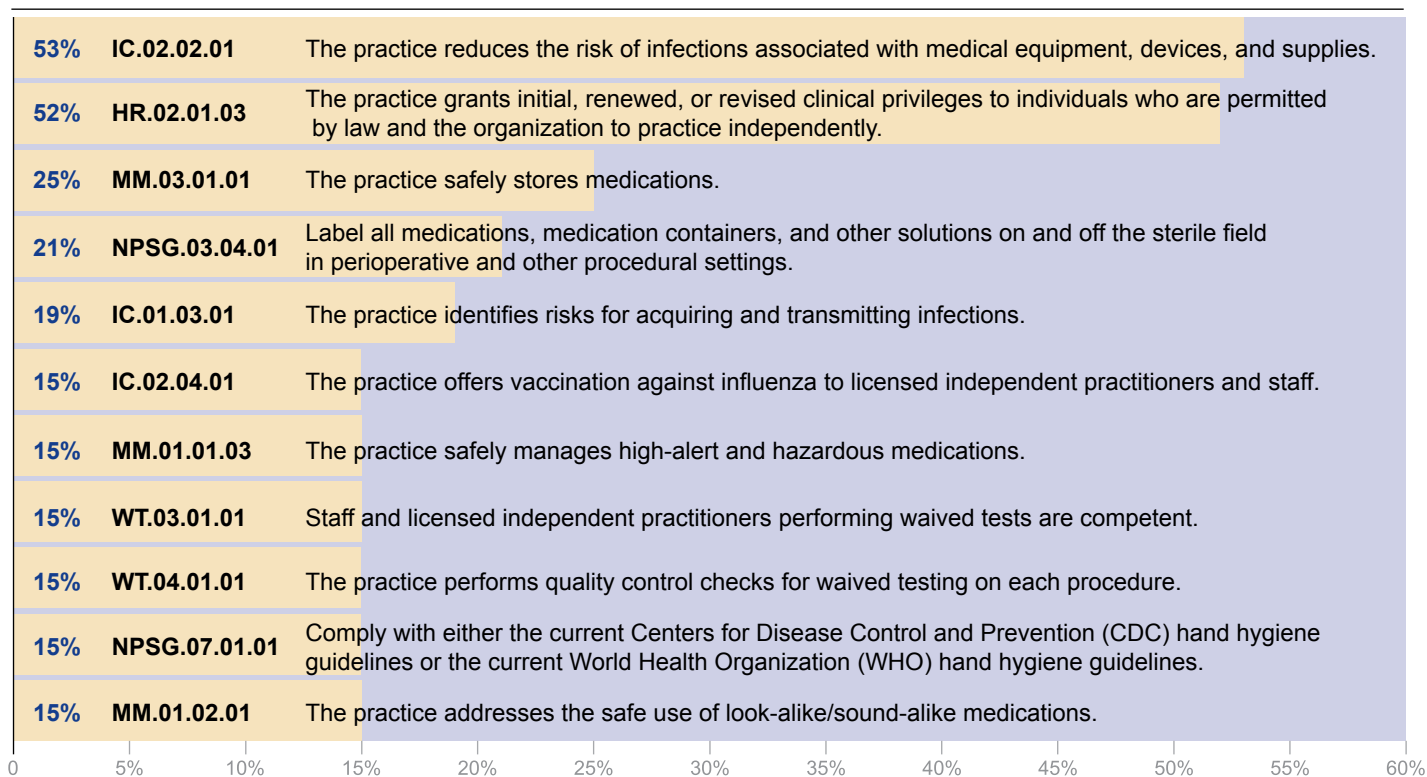
Note: The data determined for the laboratory program were derived from an average of 413 applicable surveys.

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NURSING CARE CENTERS



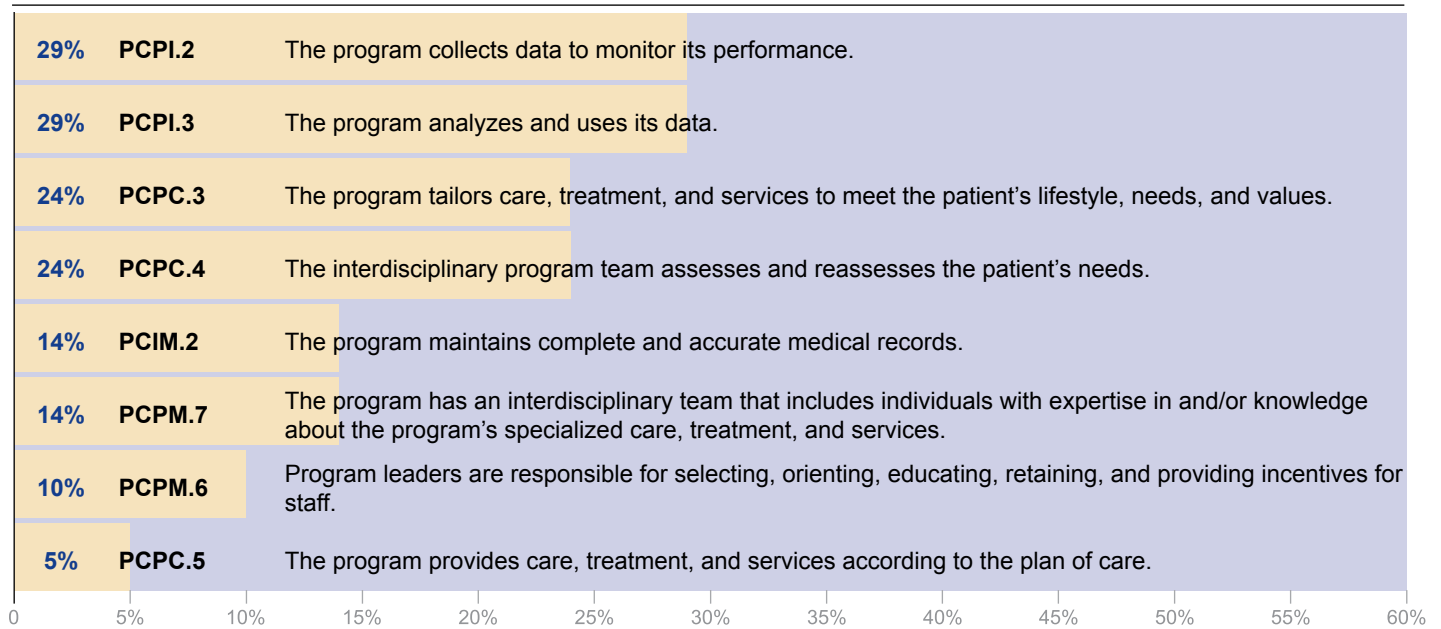
Note: The data determined for the nursing care centers program were derived from 153 applicable surveys.

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OFFICE-BASED SURGERY PRACTICES



Note: The data determined for the office-based surgery practices program were derived from 85 applicable surveys.

TOP STANDARDS COMPLIANCE DATA FOR FIRST HALF OF 2015
ADVANCED CERTIFICATION FOR PALLIATIVE CARE



Note: The data determined for the palliative care program were derived from 21 applicable surveys.