



Texas Perinatal Services

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A Program of the Texas EMS Trauma & Acute Care Foundation

New Requirements for Case Reviews

Dear Perinatal Surveyors,

TETAF/Texas Perinatal Services (TPS) has received technical guidance from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) defining **new requirements for case reviews**:

1. **Maternal surveyors** need to complete ten medical record reviews each.
2. **Neonatal surveyors** need to complete ten medical record reviews each, but eight for each surveyor has been defined as the minimal acceptable number.
3. The medical record reviews must focus on records that occurred within the last or closest six months of the survey date when possible. The exception to this is patients that expire or trying to clarify the “complex” care. Survey organizations should avoid reviewing medical records that arrived prior to the implementation of the facility’s QAPI review process. (TETAF has received approval to continue our request for a 12 month log to provide enough volume to ensure a random selection of our defined case types.)

Recognizing the time frame needed to ensure a thorough, adequate review, we are making some tool and process changes that includes revising the medical record review tools to streamline the reviews and data collection. **The revised tool will be attached to your surveyor tool links by May 17.**

We recognize the additional record reviews will be challenging, but we hope our efforts will streamline the process.

We appreciate your time and dedication as a surveyor for Texas Perinatal Services.

Best regards,

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