

Accreditation Quality Report





Welcome to the Joint Commission's Quality Report. We know how important reliable information is to you and your family when making health care decisions. This Quality Report will help you make the right decisions to meet your needs. Since 1951, Joint Commission has been the national leader in setting standards for health care organizations. When a health care organization seeks accreditation, it demonstrates commitment to giving safe, high quality health care and to continually working to improve that care.

The Quality Report is only one way to determine whether a health care organization can meet your needs. Discuss this report with your doctor or with other professional acquaintances before making a care decision. In addition to the accreditation status of the organization, the Quality Report uses checks, pluses, and minuses in the key area of National Patient Safety Goals - safety guidelines that target the prevention of medical errors such as surgery on the wrong side of the body and safe medication use.

Not all measures are relevant to or available for all types of health care organizations. The Joint Commission will add relevant measures of health care quality as more measures become available. Your comments are just as important to us. The content and format of the Quality Report will be updated from time to time based on changes in the health care industry and your suggestions. Please call Customer Service at 630-792-5800 or e-mail the Joint Commission at qualityreport@jointcommission.org with your comments and suggestions.

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President of the Joint Commission



Summary of Quality Information

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-  The Goal is not applicable for this organization.

For further information and explanation of the Quality Report contents, refer to the "Quality Report User Guide."

Accreditation Programs	Accreditation Decision	Effective Date	Last Full Survey Date	Last On-Site Survey Date
 Home Care	Accredited	4/18/2009	12/8/2011	12/8/2011

Accreditation programs recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS)

Apguard Medical Inc.

6404 Independence Avenue, Woodland Hills, CA. 91367

Home Care

2009 National Patient Safety Goals

Compared to other Joint Commission Accredited Organizations

Nationwide

Statewide





Locations of Care

* Primary Location

Locations of Care	Available Services	
Apguard Medical Inc. * 6404 Independence Avenue Woodland Hills, CA 91367	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blood Glucose Monitors (non-mail order) • Canes and Crutches • Commodes • Continuous Positive Airway Pressure • Durable Medical Equipment • Enteral Equipment and/or Supplies • Enteral Nutrients • Gastric Suction Pumps • Home Medical Equipment, Non-Hospice • Hospital Beds - Electric • Hospital Beds - Manual • Intermittent Positive Pressure Breathing • Mechanical In-Exsufflation Devices • Nebulizers • Oxygen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient Lifts and Accessories • Prosthetics (Home Medical Equipment) • Respiratory Assist Devices • Respiratory Equipment • Seat Lift Mechanisms • Suction Pump • Supplies • Support Surfaces - For Beds • Tens Units • Tracheostomy Supplies • Ventilators • Accessories/Supplies • Walkers, Canes and Crutches • Wheelchair Seating / Cushions • Wheelchairs - Manual Non-Custom • Wheelchairs-Standard Manual Accessories
















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Safety Goals	Organizations Should	Implemented
Improve the accuracy of patient identification.	Use of Two Patient Identifiers	
	Conducting a Verification Process Before Starting Procedures	
Improve the effectiveness of communication among caregivers.	Reading Back Verbal Orders	
	Creating a List of Abbreviations Not to Use	
	Timely Reporting of Critical Tests and Critical Results	
	Managing Hand-Off Communications	
Improve the safety of using medications.	Managing Look Alike, Sound Alike Medications	
	Reducing Harm from Anticoagulation Therapy	
Reduce the risk of health care-associated infections.	Meeting Hand Hygiene Guidelines	
	Sentinel Events Resulting from Infection	
	Preventing Central-Line Associated Blood Stream Infections	
Reduce the risk of patient harm resulting from falls.	Implementing a Fall Reduction Program	
Encourage patients' active involvement in their own care as a patient safety strategy.	Patient and Family Reporting of Safety Concerns	
The organization identifies safety risks inherent in its patient population.	Identifying Risks Associated with Home Oxygen	