SURVEY READINESS & EXECUTION CHECKLIST



Component	Task	Assigned Responsibility	Status
Surveyor Arrival	 Ensure all front desk staff are aware of the surveyor arrival protocol Check Identification: Driver's license and company ID recommended 		
	 Surveyor Sign-in Notification of point person or designee Detainment of surveyors in designated area until all surveyors arrive Designated person escorts team to surveyor work area Activation of Staff Alert system 		
Surveyor Work Area	 Designated area away from office traffic and away from the command center No ready access to patient or other sensitive information List of key telephone numbers provided No access to photocopier Professional look and feel Adequate space to accommodate entire team WiFi Access Ample access to electrical outlets for computers 		
Communications	 Activate survey communications plan Pager activation Text message activation Overhead Announcements Telephone messages 		
Survey Execution	 Ensure that surveyor escorts are prepared and Electronic Health Record Superusers are available for each surveyor. 		
Survey Team Logistics & Evidence	 Provide Evidence Binders upon arrival Activate kitchen staff- provision of beverages and light snacks 		

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Binders- Required	• Review basic logistics with survey team- location of		
Documents	restrooms, designated smoking areas		
Patient/Client	 Provide listing of current admissions 		
Listings	 Current patient list to contain admission date, 		
	diagnosis, name ,and age		
Home Care- Hospice	 Provide list of patients scheduled for home visit 		
Component	during the survey period		
Additional	 Employee roster: employee name, hire date, role and 		
documents to have	assigned location		
readily available if			
asked for			
Clinical Contract	 Ensure you are able to produce the contract, 		
documentation	performance expectations/ performance measures		
	for each contract and the most recent completed		
	evaluation		
Survey Execution	\circ Identify those persons within the organization that		
Readiness	can serve as surveyor escorts and note takers.		
	• Request Leadership develop a list of points of contact		
	for each department that goes at least three levels		
	deep in the department/unit.		
Survey Execution	 Gather staff who will be providing survey activity 		
	support		
	 Implement preparedness plan 		
	• Utilize central communication room/command		
	center to facilitate ALL communications		
	 Minimize talking with and around surveyors 		
	Ensure timely retrieval of requested materials		
Survey Coordinator	• Keep track of all information provided, stay organized		
Role	 Check back with surveyors frequently 		
	 Document your conversations 		
	 Provide only what is requested 		

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	 Answer the questions as asked. If you can't answer the question, say you will get back with them, research it and then get back with them 		
	 Utilize the Issue Resolution Time to clarify surveyor findings, provide additional documents and debate compliance challenges (<i>Help me to understand</i> <i>approach recommended</i>) 		
Daily Briefing	 Pay careful attention to findings discussed during daily briefing sessions Confirm the day's agenda. Are they on schedule? What are tomorrow's plans? 		
Daily Internal Team Debriefing	 Host a daily end-of-day debriefing with the hospital team 		
	 Review the list of opportunities identified to date and reinforce the opportunity to minimize their impact through actions. Provide a list of items that must be addressed prior to 		
	leaving for the day and any items that need attention by the night shift.		
End of Survey	 Obtain a draft copy of the report that will be submitted by the survey team so that improvement activities can begin immediately. Prioritize organizational actions to address those 		
	items that create the greatest risk to quality and safety and those that will require a follow-up survey.		

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