

Title 22. Social Security
Division 5. Licensing and Certification of Health Facilities, Home Health
Agencies, Clinics, and Referral Agencies
Chapter 1. General Acute Care Hospitals
Article 6. Supplemental Services

Adopt Section 70438.2 as follows:

Section 70438.2. Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory Service – Expanded.

(a) As used in this article, the following definition applies:

(1) “Expanded cardiac catheterization laboratory space” means a catheterization laboratory space, as provided for in Section 70439(a), that is located in a building connected to a general acute care hospital, as described in subdivision (b) below.

(b) General acute care hospitals that qualify, pursuant to Section 1255(d)(3) of the Health and Safety Code, to provide cardiac catheterization laboratory service in expanded cardiac catheterization laboratory space, may do so, provided that:

(1) There exists an enclosed all-weather passageway that connects the general acute care hospital and the structure in which the expanded cardiac catheterization space is located. Such a passageway shall:

(A) be short enough to allow a patient that is undergoing a cardiac catheterization procedure in the expanded cardiac catheterization laboratory space and who needs emergent care to be transported to the appropriate definitive care option within the general acute care hospital in 10 minutes or less. Such a time shall be calculated from the time the physician deems the patient needs to be transported from the expanded cardiac catheterization laboratory space until the patient arrives at the definitive care option within the general acute care hospital;

(B) have lighting and emergency lighting and power in accordance with Sections 70851 and 70841, respectively;

(C) have installed heating, air conditioning and ventilating systems;

(D) be equipped with an emergency call feature at each end of the enclosed all-weather passageway. For the purposes of this subdivision, "emergency call feature" is defined as a telephonic connection, or any other means of communication, permanently located within the enclosed all-weather passageway, that allows the medical staff members to communicate with medical staff members in the general acute care hospital;

(E) have access that is restricted to authorized staff, as determined by the policies and procedures developed, maintained, and implemented by the general acute care hospital, and to patients accompanied by authorized staff; and

(F) be secured by electronic means in accordance with the security policies and procedures developed, maintained, and implemented by the general acute care hospital.

(2) Policies and procedures for expanded cardiac catheterization laboratory space care for both inpatients and outpatients shall be developed, maintained and implemented by the general acute care hospital.

(A) Inpatient care policies and procedures for the expanded cardiac catheterization laboratory space shall include consideration of the acuity of the inpatient and the type of procedure needed by the patient.

(3) Cardiac catheterization laboratory procedures on general acute care hospital inpatients shall not be performed in the expanded cardiac catheterization laboratory

space unless the schedule for the cardiac catheterization laboratory space within the general acute care hospital has reached capacity. General acute care hospital inpatients shall have priority for placement in the cardiac catheterization laboratory space within the general acute care hospital.

(4) Pediatric cardiac catheterization, as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 1255.5(e), services shall not be performed in an expanded cardiac catheterization laboratory space, in accordance with Sections 1255.5(d) and (e) of the Health and Safety Code.

(c) Not more than 25 percent of the general acute care hospital's inpatients in need of cardiac catheterization laboratory service may have such procedures performed in the expanded cardiac catheterization laboratory space. The general acute care hospital shall maintain records that provide the number of cardiac catheterization procedures performed in the expanded cardiac catheterization laboratory space, and the patient's status as an inpatient or outpatient.

(d) The hospital shall comply with all of the requirements of Sections 70433(a), (b), (c)(1), (e), (i), (j), 70435(a) and 70437(a).

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 1255, 131050, 131051, and 131200, Health and Safety Code. Reference cited: Section 1255, Health and Safety Code.