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# In The Weeds of Rural Health Clinic Compliance



# Today's Objectives



Learn the most commonly seen deficiencies found in RHC surveys.

Learn tips to prevent the common deficiencies

Discover methods to stay compliant.

# Deficiencies

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## Standard Level:

- Standard level deficiencies are deficient practices that pose low threat to health and safety. Must be resolved within 60 calendar days from the date of survey.

## Condition Level:

- Condition level deficiencies are deficient practices that pose a serious threat to health and safety. Must be resolved within 45 calendar days from the date of survey.
- Multiple standard level deficiencies could lead to a CONDITION level citation.

## Immediate Jeopardy:

- Immediate Jeopardy is an immediate threat to health or safety and requires immediate attention and resolution.

# Medication Vials



**Single dose vials being utilized as a Multi dose vial.**

**Single and Multi dose vials found stored past the manufacturer printed expiration date.**

**Open Multi dose vials stored past the 28 day Beyond Use Date.**

# Sterilization of Instruments



- The clinic is not following their process for handling and sterilization of non-disposable instruments.
- The clinic is not following the MFU for the autoclave.
- The clinic is not following their policy for accepting sterilized instruments from the hospital or other outside source.
- Cold sterilization is not acceptable.

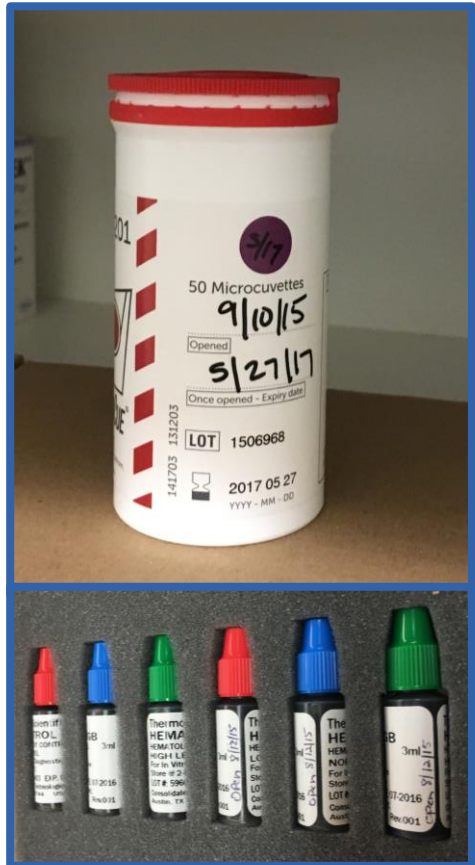
# Patient Care Equipment

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- Patient care equipment is not checked according to manufacturers instructions for use.
- Exam bed covers have frayed corners or tears in the cover.
- Broken or obsolete equipment not labeled “Do Not Use”.
- Patient care items stored directly on the floor.

# Point of Care Tests



- Clinic does not have the ability to perform all 6 required point of care tests.
- Most common tests the clinic is unable to perform are:
  - Hemoglobin or Hematocrit
  - Blood Glucose
  - Testing for occult Blood in the stool
- All reagents, strips, controls, etc., must be in date.

# Emergency Services



- A list of medications approved by the Medical Director and NP or PA is missing from clinic policy.
- Approved medications are missing from the emergency medication kit.
- Expired medication and supplies found in the emergency medication kit.
- No emergency medication kit found in the clinic.





# QUESTIONS?

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