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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This guide links the Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC) Home Health accreditation standards (2026) to the policies in the agency's Home Health Policy & Procedure Manual that address them. Use it to prepare for an ACHC survey, to answer a surveyor's request for a policy, and to confirm that each standard is covered.

Standard is the ACHC standard number. **Standard topic** is a short summary of what the standard covers, with the related Medicare Condition of Participation (42 CFR Part 484) below it. It is not the standard's official wording; always read the full standard and its evidence requirements in the current ACHC Accreditation Standards.

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The manual is written for all accrediting bodies, so it says "accreditation body (if applicable)" and does not quote ACHC standard numbers. Agency-specific records that surveyors also review (for example, licenses and certificates posted in the office, governing body minutes, cost reports, QAPI data and personnel files) are kept by the agency and are not part of the manual.

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