

Reporting Requirements Between Surveys

JCI requires ongoing communication throughout the three-year accreditation cycle between the accredited hospital and JCI to ensure that the hospital continues to meet the accreditation requirements after becoming accredited. Accreditation is neither automatically transferred nor continued if significant changes occur within the accredited organization. Please *see* the “Accreditation Participation Requirements” (APR) section for the list of changes that must be reported.

Preliminary Denial of Accreditation

Preliminary Denial of Accreditation is type of temporary accreditation status that results when JCI determines that one or more of the following conditions may be present:

- An *Immediate Threat to Health or Safety* exists within the organization.
- An individual who does not possess a valid license, registration, or certification (for example, expired license) is providing or has provided health care services in the organization that would, under applicable laws and regulations, require such a license, registration, or certification and which placed the organization’s patients at risk for a serious adverse outcome.
- JCI is reasonably persuaded that the organization submitted falsified documents or misrepresented information in seeking to achieve or retain accreditation.
- The organization has not met the policy for reporting requirements to JCI as outlined in the “Accreditation Participation Requirements” chapter.
- The organization fails required full survey(s).
- The organization fails to submit an acceptable Strategic Improvement Plan within 120 calendar days of the organization’s survey.
- The provision of one or more clinical services has been suspended due to ongoing reconstruction, construction of new building, a mandate set forth by a governmental/regulatory authority, or the results of a natural disaster or another unforeseen event.

JCI Accreditation Central Office staff and surveyors may identify the conditions during a survey, during the review of a survey report or postsurvey follow-up activity, or from a complaint submitted against the hospital or after removal or restriction of its license/permit to operate by a national or other regulatory body or authority. When JCI finds that the condition is substantiated and not resolved, Denial of Accreditation is recommended to the JCI Accreditation Council. The organization has the right to appeal this decision as previously described.

Accreditation Renewal

The JCI Accreditation Central Office staff remind the hospital to update its E-App before the hospital’s triennial accreditation due date and notify JCI of its intention to be reaccredited. JCI then schedules the survey, making every effort to synchronize the next survey date with the conclusion of the previous three-year accreditation cycle. JCI works with the hospital and others in the country or region that are also due for surveys to coordinate the survey dates in an effort to maximize resources and reduce travel expenses. A hospital’s previous accreditation status may remain in effect up to two months after the subsequent full accreditation survey to accomplish any required follow-up.