**Section 1250.1840 Accessibility of Service**

a) Criteria #1: Do facilities providing the service have referral agreements with facilities which do not provide the service?

b) Standard #1: Facilities providing cardiac catheterization should have referral agreements with area hospitals not offering such services.

c) Data Factors: Referral Agreements.

d) Criteria #2: Do facilities providing such services have referral agreements for the transfer of patients for cardiac surgery if such is not available on site?

e) Standard #1: All facilities performing cardiac catheterization which do not perform cardiac surgery (open heart) must have referral agreements and policies for the transfer of patients requiring such surgery.

f) Data Factors:

1) Existing referral patterns.

2) Location of Cardiac Catheterization services.

3) Location of Cardiac Surgery (open heart) programs.

4) Existing referral agreements.

5) Acceptance of results of catheterization from referral institution.