**Section 1250.1870 Quality**

a) Criteria #1: Does the delivery of the service prove beneficial to both patients and the community?

b) Standard #1: The mortality rate of patients treated should not significantly (95% confidence level) exceed national and state mortality rates based upon the types of patients treated.

c) Data Factors:

1) Patients treated – volume.

2) Mortality rate.

3) Deaths by cause of death.

4) National and State mortality rates.

d) Criteria #2: Is there an adequate patient care and utilization review process?

e) Standard #1: Existence of acceptable peer review programs.

f) Data Factors: Peer review programs.

g) Criteria #3: Are essential patient care support services available?

h) Standard #1:

1) All necessary support services are available.

2) A dedicated cardiac catheterization laboratory must document the availability of the following support services:

A) Nuclear medicine laboratory;

B) Echocardiography service;

C) Electrocardiography laboratory and services, including stress testing and continuous cardiogram monitoring;

D) Pulmonary Function Unit;

E) Blood bank;

F) Hematology laboratory/coagulation laboratory;

G) Microbiology laboratory;

H) Blood Gas laboratory;

J) Clinical pathology laboratory with facilities for blood chemistry.

3) These support services need not be in operation on a 24 hour basis but must be available when needed.

i) Data Factors: Required support services availability.

j) Criteria #4: Are patient records available and accessible?

k) Standard #1: Policies should be in place relative to the use and release of medical records.

l) Data Factors: Medical records policies.