

POLICY 314: Focused Visit for Advanced Practice Provider Programs

The ACEN Board of Commissioners and ARC-PA Commissioners may determine a focused visit is warranted to review significant accreditation-related information disclosed about a program as a result of:

1. A program change;
2. Information revealed about an advanced practice provider program between periods of scheduled review;
3. Information is received that the sponsoring organization's accrediting body revoked its accreditation; or
4. Information is received that a regulatory agency has changed the status of the advanced practice provider program.

The Advanced Practice Provider Standards and Criteria pertinent to the reason for the focused visit will be reviewed. ACEN and ARC-PA professional staff will determine the Standards and Criteria to be reviewed. The advanced practice provider program must prepare a Focused Visit Report based on the Advanced Practice Provider Standards and Criteria identified and submit the Report to the peer evaluators, ACEN, and ARC-PA six weeks before the site visit; the Focused Visit Report is the foundation for review of compliance with the identified Advanced Practice Provider Standards and Criteria. Guidelines for creating the Focused Visit Report are available on the ACEN and ARC-PA website. The focused visit is typically one to two day(s) in length.

Following the focused visit, the Focused Site Visit Report will be reviewed by the ACEN Board of Commissioners and ARC-PA Commissioners at a regularly scheduled meeting. Based on the Focused Site Visit Report, the ACEN Board of Commissioners and ARC-PA Commissioners may take the following actions:

1. Affirm the advanced practice provider program's accreditation status and date of the next scheduled visit; no further information is requested.
2. Change the date of the advanced practice provider program's next scheduled visit to a date earlier than previously scheduled. This is not an appealable action.
3. Change the advanced practice provider program's accreditation status (e.g., continuing accreditation with contingency, continuing accreditation with probation, continuing accreditation with show cause). This is not an appealable action.
4. Deny continuing accreditation and remove the advanced practice provider program from the listings of accredited advanced practice provider programs. This is an appealable action. See Policy #309.

The maximum period for the status of continuing accreditation with contingency for advanced practice provider programs to be monitored is two years from the Commissioners' determination of this accreditation status.

Policy 314 History
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