

**WAC 246-320-111 Hospital responsibilities.** This section identifies a hospital obligation, actions and responsibilities to comply with the hospital law and rules.

(1) Hospitals must:

(a) Comply with chapter 70.41 RCW and this chapter;

(b) Only set up inpatient beds within the licensed bed capacity approved by the department or the medicare provider agreement; and

(c) Receive approval for additional inpatient beds as required in chapter 70.38 RCW before exceeding department approved bed capacity.

(2) A hospital accredited by the Joint Commission or American Osteopathic Association must:

(a) Notify the department of an accreditation survey within two business days following completion of the survey; and

(b) Notify the department in writing of the accreditation decision and any changes in accreditation status within thirty calendar days of receiving the accreditation report.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 70.41 RCW and RCW 43.70.040. WSR 09-07-050, § 246-320-111, filed 3/11/09, effective 4/11/09.]