



Joint Commission International Accreditation and Certification Policies
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Purpose. Evaluate whether an organization continues to demonstrate compliance with the appropriate accreditation/certification program standards following significant changes in the organization's services/ programs, facilities, leadership, or ownership.

Policy. JCI Accreditation may conduct an extension survey when an organizational evaluation is determined to be necessary based on any of the following factors:

- A change in organization ownership
- The organization has instituted a new service or program for which JCI Accreditation has standards, including additions or deletions of type of health service(s).
- The organization has merged with, consolidated with, or acquired an unaccredited or uncertified site, service, or program for which there are applicable JCI Accreditation standards.
- The organization has offered at least 25% of its services at a new location or in a significantly altered building/physical facility.
- The organization has expanded its capacity to provide services, or use of its services, by 25% or more as measured by beds, patient visits, pieces of equipment, or other relevant measures.
- A significant decrease in the volume of services, such as reducing its capacity to provide services, or use of its services, by 25% or more as measured by beds, patient visits, pieces of equipment, or other relevant measures, has occurred.
- The organization has developed a more intensive level of service (for example, from outpatient cardiac rehabilitation to inpatient invasive diagnostic cardiology).
- A responsible governmental or regulatory authority has conducted an investigation or inspection resulting in recommendations for improvement or an adverse outcome that necessitates an immediate change in the organization (for example, mandated closure of all or part of the organization or a department(s), program(s), or service(s) which prohibits the organization from providing care to patients).

Procedure. The organization must notify JCI Accreditation of any significant changes that occur between surveys, as required by JCI Accreditation's policy on Reporting Requirements Between Surveys.