

3. CRITICAL CARE

Objective: Applies to hospitals that provide treatment and diagnostic veterinary services for animals requiring critical care services. These are patients whose conditions require constant, close monitoring and support with equipment and medication for maintaining normal body functions.

Hospitals providing critical care must also provide the following additional scope of practice services, except where it can be reasonably demonstrated that an alternate arrangement would not compromise patient care and safety:

- Anesthesia
- Surgery
- Diagnostic Laboratory Services
- Forms of Energy – Radiology
- Hospitalization and Confinement
- Isolation Facilities

These facilities may be expected to have to deal in a unique fashion with some aspects of patient, public and veterinary team member safety. For example, due to the often-unusual hours of operation, these facilities have protocols in place to ensure the safety of patients, veterinary team members and the public.

Requirements

	YES	NO	N/A
1. The practice provides continuous patient care for critical cases. To provide critical care services, the practice has the ability to care for patients 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, regardless of their regular practice hours.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. At least one on-duty veterinarian is directly responsible for the care of critically ill patients and is on premise.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. At least one other on-duty team member actively involved in the medical care of critically ill patients is on premise.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. The practice provides designated accommodation for the isolation of infectious and zoonotic cases and/or alternatively, has a written policy for dealing with such cases that is known to all team members. The ability to isolate an infectious animal from all other patients is in place. If the practice provides isolation facilities on-site they must comply with the Additional Scope of Practice Service – Isolation Facilities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Requirements			
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5. Equipment and supplies suitable for the intensive care of critically ill patients are readily available and adequate for the number of patients.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. The ability to monitor multiple parameters with a suitable amount of monitoring equipment as required for the caseload.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. On site diagnostic imaging equipment for radiology is available. Must comply with the Additional Scope of Practice Service – Radiology. Depending upon what diagnostic imaging equipment is available, may also need to comply with Additional Scope of Practice Service – Ultrasound Imaging and Other Imaging.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. On site diagnostic laboratory services are available. Must comply with the Additional Scope of Practice Service – Diagnostic Laboratory Services.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Emergency drugs are readily available.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. A copy of the medical record, or a medical summary, accompanies each patient transferred back to the primary care veterinarian or to another facility within 2 business days.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. The practice must have as part of its library current information regarding equipment and supplies in use for the performance of diagnoses and treatment as well as specific information on the delivery of emergency medicine and surgery and critical care.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Proper safety precautions shall be taken for veterinary team members on duty at night.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notes Section: Describe how your facility meets the requirements. Where applicable, list the equipment, supplies or drugs available at the facility to meet the requirement.			