

3.4 Freestanding Outpatient Diagnostic and Treatment Facilities

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1 Applicability

* 1.1 Facility Type

This section applies to the outpatient diagnostic and treatment facility that is separate from the acute care hospital. This facility is a new and emerging form of outpatient center that is capable of accommodating a wide array of outpatient diagnostic services and minimally invasive procedures.

1.2 Standards

The general standards for outpatient facilities set forth in Sections 1 through 5 of Chapter 3.1 (General Considerations, Diagnostic and Treatment Locations, Service Areas, Administrative and Public Areas, and Construction Standards) shall be met for the free-standing outpatient diagnostic and treatment facility, with two modifications:

1.2.1 For those facilities performing diagnostic imaging and minimally invasive interventional procedures, all provisions of Sections 2.1-5.4 and 5.5 shall also apply, except that adjacencies to emergency, surgery, cystoscopy, and outpatient clinics are not required.

1.2.2 For those facilities performing nuclear medicine procedures, all provisions of Section 2.1-5.6 shall also apply, except that support services such as radiology, pathology, emergency department, and outpatient clinics are not required.

APPENDIX

A1.1 The range of services provided in these facilities is very dynamic and growing, including diagnostic cardiac catheterization, general radiography, fluoroscopy, mammography, CT scanning, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), ultrasound, radiation therapy, and IV therapies. Facilities may specialize in only one of these areas or may provide a mix of services.