**Section 210.2000 Length of Stay**

a) *The maximum length of stay for patients shall not exceed 48 hours unless the treating physician*, dentist, or podiatrist *requests an extension of time from the* Postsurgical *Recovery* Care *Center* Model's *Medical Director on the basis of medical or clinical documentation that an additional care period is required for the recovery of a patient and the Medical Director approves the extension of time*. (Section 35 of the Act)

b) No patient shall *stay in the Postsurgical Recovery Care Center* Model *longer than 72 hours. If a patient requires an additional care period, the patient shall be transferred to an appropriate facility*. (Section 35 of the Act)

c) *Reports on variances from the 48 hour limit shall be sent to the Department for evaluation* within 30 days after the patient's discharge. (Section 35 of the Act) The report shall not identify the patient or physician but shall detail the following:

1) patient diagnosis and the surgical procedure performed;

2) the reason(s) for the extended stay;

3) actual length of stay;

4) documentation of the Medical Director's approval;

5) documentation of consulting committee review of the case and the results of the review.