

Patient selection/utilization.

- (A) The provider of a pediatric cardiovascular surgery service shall have established criteria that cardiologists and physicians must utilize for patient selection and appropriateness.
- (B) The provider of a pediatric cardiovascular surgery service should meet a volume goal of at least one hundred pediatric procedures per year by the second full year of operation, of which seventy-five are pediatric cardiovascular surgeries, to ensure efficiency and a minimum floor of competency.
- (C) Volume goals shall be considered by the director in conjunction with other indicators of quality and not as the sole indicator of service performance.
- (D) Failure to meet a volume goal for two consecutive years will trigger an extended review of the pediatric cardiovascular surgery service by the director including possible inspections.
- (E) No minimum per surgeon volume is recommended, however, the combination of high risk adjusted mortality and low volume shall trigger a thorough internal review of an individual physician by the provider of the pediatric cardiovascular surgery service.

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