

Portable X-Ray  
Top Four Federal Deficiencies  
(01-01-07 through 12-31-07)

486.104(b)	Personnel Orientation
486.106(a)	Referral By A Physician
486.106(b)	Records of Examinations Performed
486.106(c)	Preservation of Records

**0023:**

The supplier of portable X-ray services must have an orientation program for personnel, based on a procedural manual which is available to all members of the staff, incorporates relevant portions of professionally recognized documents, and includes specifically required instructions.

**0038:**

Portable X-ray examinations must be performed only on the order of a doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy licensed to practice in the State. The supplier's records must show that:

- (1) The X-ray test was ordered by a licensed doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy, and
- (2) Such physician's written, signed order must specify the reason an X-ray test is required, the area of the body to be exposed, the number of radiographs to be obtained, and the views needed; it also must include a statement concerning the condition of the patient which indicates why portable X-ray services are necessary.

**0039:**

The supplier must make for each patient a record of the date of the X-ray examination, the name of the patient, a description of the procedures ordered and performed, the referring physician, the operator(s) of the portable X-ray equipment who performed the examination, the physician to whom the radiograph was sent, and the date it was sent.

**0040:**

Reports of portable X-ray examination must be maintained for a period of at least 2 years, or for the period of time required by State law for such records (as distinguished from requirements as to the radiograph itself), whichever is longer.