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THE DIRECT ANSWER

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HOW THE UNANNOUNCED CYCLE WORKS

- After your last survey and accreditation decision, the clock starts. The Joint Commission schedules the next full survey somewhere in the 18–36 month range but discloses nothing to the organization.

FIELD QUESTION

Will we get any warning before a Joint Commission survey?

No. Full accreditation surveys are unannounced. Only initial surveys for new organizations are scheduled.

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