The Joint Commission, as a result of its ongoing review of its accreditation standards, has identified redundant elements of performance (EPs) in the “Care, Treatment, and Services” (CTS) chapter of the Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Behavioral Health Care. This has resulted in the following deletions and modifications for the behavioral health care accreditation program:

- CTS.04.01.01, EP 7, has been deleted because it is redundant to CTS.03.01.07, EP 1, which has been retained and edited for clarity. CTS.04.01.01 has been edited to cross-reference CTS.03.01.07.
- CTS.02.02.09 has been modified to apply only to opioid treatment programs. In addition, CTS.02.02.09, EP 1, has been deleted because it is superseded by Leadership (LD) Standard LD.04.03.09 addressing contracted services. If physical health assessments or diagnostic and laboratory tests are necessary or relevant to the care, treatment, or services provided to the individual served, then the organization must contract for these services and not merely make a referral. The deletion of CTS.02.02.09, EP 1, supports the expectation that all care, treatment, or services be of the same quality whether provided directly by the organization or through a contracted service.

The revisions, which became effective August 27, 2012, have been published in the recently mailed 2012 Update 2 to the Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Behavioral Health Care and will appear in the E-dition® this fall. The box below displays the revisions; new text is underlined and deleted text is shown in strikethrough.

Questions about these changes may be directed to Lynn Berry, project director, Department of Standards and Survey Methods, at lberry@jointcommission.org.

---

**Approved: Revised Behavioral Health Care Requirements to Eliminate Redundancy**

The revisions have been published in the recently mailed 2012 Update 2 to the Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Behavioral Health Care and will appear in the E-dition® this fall. Questions about these changes may be directed to Lynn Berry, project director, Department of Standards and Survey Methods, at lberry@jointcommission.org.