

# Prepublication Requirements

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## EC.02.04.03, EP 34 Edit

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### APPLICABLE TO CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL ACCREDITATION PROGRAMS

Effective January 1, 2021

### Environment of Care (EC) Chapter

#### **EC.02.04.03**

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#### **Element(s) of Performance for EC.02.04.03**

Key: **D** indicates that documentation is required;

**R** indicates an identified risk area;

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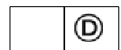


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