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Revision to EC.02.03.01, EP 9

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APPLICABLE TO THE CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL ACCREDITATION PROGRAM
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Environment of Care (EC) Chapter

EC.02.03.01

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Element(s) of Performance for EC.02.03.01

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Key: D indicates that documentation is required; R indicates an identified risk area;