

# Prepublication Requirements

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## Revisions to the Environment of Care Chapter for Freestanding Inpatient Hospices

The Joint Commission has approved the following revisions for prepublication. While revised requirements are published in the semiannual updates to the print manuals (as well as in the online *E-dition*®), accredited organizations and paid subscribers can also view them in the monthly periodical *The Joint Commission Perspectives*®. To begin your subscription, call 800-746-6578 or visit <http://www.jcrinc.com>.

**Please note:** Where applicable, this report shows current standards and EPs first, with deleted language struck-through. Then, the revised requirement follows in bold text, with new language underlined.

### APPLICABLE TO THE HOME CARE ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

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### Environment of Care (EC) Chapter

#### EC.02.05.01

The organization manages risks associated with its utility systems.

#### Element(s) of Performance for EC.02.05.01

23. **For hospices providing inpatient care in their own facilities: Power strips in a patient care vicinity are only used for components of movable electrical equipment assemblies used for patient care. These power strips meet UL 1363A or UL 60601-1. Power strips used outside of a patient care vicinity, but within the patient care room, meet UL 1363. In non-patient care rooms, power strips meet other UL standards. (For full text, refer to NFPA 99-2012: 10.2.3.6; 10.2.4; NFPA 70-2011: 400-8; 590.3(D); Tentative Interim Amendment [TIA] 12-5)**
- Note 1: The mounting of power strips to medical equipment assemblies or the reconfiguration of equipment powered by power strips in a medical equipment assembly must be performed by personnel who are qualified to make certain that this is done in accordance with NFPA 99-2012: 10.2.3.6.**
- Note 2: Per NFPA 99-2012: 3.3.138, patient care room is defined as any room of a health care facility wherein patients are intended to be examined or treated. Per NFPA 99-2012: 3.3.139, patient care vicinity is defined as a space, within a location intended for the examination and treatment of patients, extending 1.8 meters (6 feet) beyond the normal location of the bed, chair, table, treadmill, or other device that supports the patient during examination and treatment and extending vertically to 2.3 meters (7 feet, 6 inches) above the floor.**
- Note 3: In new facilities, the number of receptacles shall be in accordance with NFPA 99-2012: 6.3.2.2.6.2. If patient bed locations in existing health care facilities undergo renovation or a change in occupancy, the number of receptacles must be increased to meet the requirements of NFPA 99-2012: 6.3.2.2.6.2 to eliminate the need for power strips.**



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

**R** indicates an identified risk area;

**EC.02.05.07**

The organization inspects, tests, and maintains emergency power systems.

Note: This standard does not require organizations to have the types of emergency power equipment discussed below. However, if these types of equipment exist within the building, then the following maintenance, testing, and inspection requirements apply.

**Element(s) of Performance for EC.02.05.07**

8. At least annually, the organization tests the fuel quality to ASTM standards. The results and completion dates are documented.

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Note: For additional guidance, see NFPA 110-2010: 8.3.8.

**EC.02.06.01**

The organization establishes and maintains a safe, functional environment.

**Element(s) of Performance for EC.02.06.01**

26. For hospices providing inpatient care in their own facilities: The organization keeps furnishings and equipment safe and in good repair.

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