

Prepublication Requirements

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APPLICABLE TO THE HOME CARE ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

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RETIRED ELEMENTS OF PERFORMANCE

Environment of Care (EC) Chapter

Standard EC.02.01.03

The organization prohibits smoking except in specific circumstances.

EC.02.01.03, EP 1

Smoking is not permitted in the organization's buildings except for hospice patients in inpatient settings.

Note: The scope of this EP is concerned with all smoking types—tobacco, electronic, or other.

Leadership (LD) Chapter

Standard LD.04.02.03

Ethical principles guide the organization's business practices.

LD.04.02.03, EP 1

The organization follows a process that allows staff, patients, and families to address ethical issues or issues prone to conflict.

Life Safety (LS) Chapter

Standard LS.02.01.40

The organization provides and maintains special features to protect individuals from the hazards of fire and smoke. Note: The elements of performance of this standard apply only to the space in which the hospice unit is located; all exits from the unit to the outside at grade level; and any Life Safety Code building systems that support the unit (for example, fire alarm system, automatic sprinkler system).

LS.02.01.40, EP 2

The organization meets all other Life Safety Code automatic extinguishing requirements related to NFPA 101-2012: 18/19.4.2.

Medication Management (MM) Chapter

Standard MM.03.01.01

The organization safely stores medications.

MM.03.01.01, EP 9

The organization keeps concentrated electrolytes present in patient care areas only when patient safety necessitates their immediate use, and precautions are used to prevent inadvertent administration.

Standard MM.05.01.11

The organization safely dispenses medications.

MM.05.01.11, EP 1

The organization dispenses quantities of medications that are consistent with patient needs. Note: This element of performance is also applicable to sample medications.

Standard MM.05.01.19

The organization safely manages returned medications.

MM.05.01.19, EP 1

The organization determines under what circumstances unused, expired, or returned medications will be managed by the pharmacy or the organization.

Note: This element of performance is also applicable to sample medications.

Provision of Care, Treatment, and Services (PC) Chapter

Standard PC.02.02.03

The organization makes food and nutrition products available to its patients.

PC.02.02.03, EP 9

The organization accommodates the patient's cultural, religious, or ethnic food and nutrition preferences, unless contraindicated.

Standard PC.02.02.13

The patient's comfort and dignity receive priority during end-of-life care.

PC.02.02.13, EP 2

The organization provides staff with education about the unique needs of dying patients and their families.

Waived Testing (WT) Chapter**Standard WT.04.01.01**

The organization performs quality control checks for waived testing on each procedure.

Note: Internal quality controls may include electronic, liquid, or control zone. External quality controls may include electronic or liquid.

WT.04.01.01, EP 1

The person from the organization whose name appears on the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA '88) certificate establishes a written quality control plan for waived testing that specifies the method(s) for controlling procedures for quality, establishes timetables, and explains the rationale for choice of procedures and timetables.

Standard WT.05.01.01

The organization maintains records for waived testing.

WT.05.01.01, EP 2

Test results for waived testing are documented in the patient's record.

REVISED ELEMENTS OF PERFORMANCE**Standard WT.02.01.01**

The person from the organization whose name appears on the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA '88) certificate identifies the staff responsible for performing and supervising waived testing.

Note 1: Responsible staff may be employees of the organization, contracted staff, or employees of a contracted service.

Note 2: Responsible staff may be identified within job descriptions or by listing job titles or individual names.

WT.02.01.01, EP 1

The person from the organization whose name appears on the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA '88) certificate, or a qualified designee, identifies in writing the staff responsible for performing and supervising waived testing.