Accreditation

Effective July 1, 2018: Change coming in citing ligature/self-harm deficiencies

After consulting with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), beginning July 1, 2018, Joint Commission surveyors will start citing ligature/self-harm deficiencies under Patient’s Rights Condition of Participation (CoP) 482.13. Previously, Joint Commission surveyors cited these deficiencies under Physical Environment CoP 482.41, as well as under The Joint Commission’s Environment of Care (EC) standard EC.02.06.01, element of performance (EP) 1.

Joint Commission surveyors will continue to use and cite EC.02.06.01, EP 1, but add the relationship between this requirement and CoP 482.13 in the crosswalk. CoP 482.13 will be cited for ligature/self-harm findings, and CoP 482.41 will now be cited for non-ligature/self-harm findings. The EC requirement covers several areas beyond those that could be considered as a self-harm risk; it states:

EC.02.06.01 — The hospital establishes and maintains a safe, functional environment. Note: The environment is constructed, arranged, and maintained to foster patient safety, provide facilities for diagnosis and treatment, and provide for special services appropriate to the needs of the community.

- EP 1: Interior spaces meet the needs of the patient population and are safe and suitable to the care, treatment, and services provided.

Quality and safety

Joint Commission’s president, EVP recognized on Becker’s patient safety leaders list

The annual “50 experts leading the field of patient safety” list has been published by Becker’s Hospital Review, and the Joint Commission’s Mark R. Chassin, MD, FACP, MPP, MPH, president and chief executive officer, and David W. Baker, MD, MPH, FACP, executive vice president, Division of Healthcare Quality Evaluation are among those recognized.

The list – selected by the Becker’s editorial team – is comprised of prominent patient safety advocates from across the country.

Dr. Chassin was recognized by the publication for his leadership in using quality improvement as a way to solve some of the most critical patient safety issues in health care by way of the Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare.

Dr. Baker was recognized for his work in developing, testing and implementing evidence-based standards, survey methods, National Patient Safety Goals and performance measures.

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