Provision of Care, Treatment, and Services Requirement Revised for Home Health

Effective January 1, 2019, The Joint Commission will no longer require home care organizations to provide patients a written individualized plan of care under Provision of Care, Treatment, and Services (PC) Standard PC.01.03.01, Element of Performance (EP) 10. Additional revisions to the EP will require the home care organization to work with the patient to identify measurable outcomes and goals for the plan of care. These changes are a result of a series of communications between The Joint Commission and the US Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Changes shown in the following box include deletions (that are shown with strikethrough) and additions (that are shown with underline). These revisions will be reflected in the fall 2018 E-dition® update and the 2019 Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Home Care.

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

**Standard PC.01.03.01:** The organization plans the patient’s care.

**Element of Performance for PC.01.03.01 10**

*For home health agencies that elect to use The Joint Commission deemed status option:*

The organization provides the patient with a written individualized plan of care. The plan of care specifies the care and services necessary to meet the needs identified in the comprehensive assessment and addresses the following:

- All pertinent diagnoses
- Mental, psychosocial, and cognitive status
- Types of services, supplies, and equipment required
- The frequency and duration of visits
- The patient’s prognosis
- The patient’s potential for rehabilitation
- The patient’s functional limitations
- The patient’s permitted activities
- The patient’s nutritional requirements
- All medications and treatments
- Safety measures to protect against injury
- A description of the patient’s risk for emergency department visits and hospital readmission, and all necessary interventions to address the underlying risk factors
- Patient-specific interventions and education
- Measurable outcomes and goals identified by the organization and the patient as a result of implementing and coordinating the plan of care
- Patient and caregiver education and training to facilitate timely discharge
- Goals and measurable outcomes that the organization anticipates will occur as a result of implementing and coordinating the plan of care
- Information related to any advance directives
- Identification of the disciplines involved in providing care
- Any other relevant items, including additions, revisions and deletions

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