The critical access hospital respects the patient's right to participate in decisions about their care, treatment, and services.

Note: For rehabilitation and psychiatric distinct part units in critical access hospitals: This right is not to be construed as a mechanism to demand the provision of treatment or services deemed medically unnecessary or inappropriate.

Element(s) of Performance for RI.01.02.01
The critical access hospital involves the patient in making decisions about their care, treatment, and services, including the right to have the patient’s family and physician promptly notified of their admission to or discharge or transfer from the critical access hospital.

Note: For swing beds in critical access hospitals: The resident has the right to be informed in advance of changes to their plan of care.

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