Prepublication Requirements

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Revision for RI.01.02.01, EP 1

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APPLICABLE TO THE HOSPITAL ACCREDITATION PROGRAM
Effective Immediately for deemed hospitals and April 1, 2022 for non-deemed hospitals

Rights and Responsibilities of the Individual (RI) Chapter

RI.01.02.01

The hospital respects the patient’s right to participate in decisions about their care, treatment, and services. Note: For hospitals that use Joint Commission accreditation for deemed status purposes: 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

Key: ☐ indicates that documentation is required; ☐ indicates an identified risk area;
1. The hospital involves the patient in making decisions about his or her care, treatment, and services, including the right to have his or her family and physician promptly notified of his or her admission to the hospital.

Note: For hospitals that use Joint Commission accreditation for deemed status purposes and have swing beds: The resident has the right to be informed in advance of changes to his or her plan of care.

1. The 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 hospital.

Note 1: For hospitals that use Joint Commission accreditation for deemed status purposes: The patient is informed, prior to the notification occurring, of any process to automatically notify the patient’s established primary care practitioner, primary care practice group/entity, or other practitioner group/entity, as well as all applicable post–acute care services providers and suppliers. The hospital has a process for documenting a patient's refusal to permit notification of registration to the emergency department, admission to an inpatient unit, or discharge or transfer from the emergency department or inpatient unit. Notifications with primary care practitioners and entities are in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

Note 2: For hospitals that use Joint Commission accreditation for deemed status purposes and have swing beds: The resident has the right to be informed in advance of changes to their plan of care.