

Sentinel Event Alert #56: Detecting and treating suicide ideation in all settings

Joint Commission requirements relevant to suicide

HOSPITALS

Environment of Care (EC)

EC.02.06.01: The hospital establishes and maintains a safe, functional environment.

National Patient Safety Goals (NPSG)

NPSG.15.01.01, Element of Performance (EP) 1: Conduct a risk assessment that identifies specific patient characteristics and environmental features that may increase or decrease the risk for suicide.

EP 2: Address the patient's immediate safety needs and most appropriate setting for treatment.

EP 3: When a patient at risk for suicide leaves the care of the hospital, provide suicide prevention information (such as a crisis hotline) to the patient and his or her family.

Provision of Care, Treatment, and Services (PC)

PC.01.01.01, EP 24: If a patient is boarded while awaiting care for emotional illness and/or the effects of alcoholism or substance abuse, the hospital does the following:

- Provides for a location for the patient that is safe, monitored, and clear of items that the patient could use to harm himself or herself or others.
- Provides orientation and training to any clinical and nonclinical staff caring for such patients in effective and safe care, treatment, and services (for example, medication protocols, de-escalation techniques).
- Conducts assessments and reassessments, and provides care consistent with the patient's identified needs.

PC.01.02.01: The hospital assesses and reassesses its patients.

PC.01.02.13: The hospital assesses the need of patients who receive treatment for emotional and behavioral disorders.

PC.04.01.01: The hospital has a process that addresses the patient's need for continuing care, treatment, and services after discharge or transfer.

AMBULATORY CARE

Provision of Care, Treatment, and Services (PC)

PC.04.01.01: The organization has a process that addresses the patient's need for continuing care, treatment, or services after discharge or transfer.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Care, Treatment, and Services (CTS)

CTS.02.01.01: The organization has a screening procedure for the early detection of risk of imminent harm to self or others.

Environment of Care (EC)

EC.02.01.01: The organization manages safety and security risks.

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National Patient Safety Goal (NPSG)

NPSG.15.01.01, EP 1: Conduct a risk assessment that identifies specific characteristics of the individual served and environmental features that may increase or decrease the risk for suicide.

EP 2: Address the immediate safety needs and most appropriate setting for treatment of the individual served.

EP 3: When an individual at risk for suicide leaves the care of the organization, provide suicide prevention information (such as a crisis hotline) to the individual and his or her family.

Performance Improvement (PI)

PI.01.01.01: The organization collects data to monitor its performance.

HOME CARE

Provision of Care, Treatment, and Services (PC)

PC.04.01.01: The organization has a process that addresses the patient's need for continuing care, treatment, or services after discharge or transfer.

NURSING CARE CENTERS

Provision of Care, Treatment, and Services (PC)

PC.04.01.01: The organization has a process that addresses transitions in the patient's or resident's care.

OFFICE-BASED SURGERY

Provision of Care, Treatment, and Services (PC)

PC.04.01.01: The practice has a process that addresses the patient's need for continuing care, treatment, or services after discharge or transfer.