

2025

Hospital

Accreditation Standards



The Joint Commission Mission

The mission of The Joint Commission is to continuously improve health care for the public, in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value.

© 2025 The Joint Commission

Published by Joint Commission Resources Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181 USA https://www.jcrinc.com

Joint Commission Resources, Inc. (JCR), a not-for-profit affiliate of The Joint Commission, has been designated by The Joint Commission to publish publications and multimedia products. JCR reproduces and distributes these materials under license from The Joint Commission.

JCR educational programs and publications support, but are separate from, the accreditation activities of The Joint Commission. Attendees at JCR educational programs and purchasers of JCR publications receive no special consideration or treatment in, or confidential information about, the accreditation process.

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced in any form or by any means without written permission from the publisher. Requests for permission to make copies of any part of this work should be sent to permissions@jcrinc.com.

ISBN: 978-1-63585-418-3

ISSN: 1522-1083

Printed in the U.S.A.

For more information about The Joint Commission, please visit https://www.jointcommission.org.

Contents

Introduction (INTRO)	INTRO-1
Accreditation Requirements	
Accreditation Participation Requirements (APR)	APR-1
Environment of Care (EC)	
Emergency Management (EM)	EM-1
Human Resources (HR)	
Infection Prevention and Control (IC)	
Information Management (IM)	
Leadership (LD)	
Life Safety (LS)	
Medication Management (MM)	
Medical Staff (MS)	
National Patient Safety Goals (NPSG)	
Nursing (NR)	
Provision of Care, Treatment, and Services (PC)	PC-1
Performance Improvement (PI)	
Record of Care, Treatment, and Services (RC)	RC-1
Rights and Responsibilities of the Individual (RI)	
Transplant Safety (TS)	
Waived Testing (WT)	
Other Information	
Appendix A: Medicare Requirements for Hospitals (AXA)	AXA-1
Glossary (GL)	
Index (IX)	

2025 HAS January 3