


Environment of Care (EC)

The table below lists the elements of performance (EPs) and correlated sample policies, procedures, protocols, or plans (P&Ps) included in *2023 PolicySource Ambulatory Care and Office-Based Surgery*. The basis for inclusion and what’s new for this year are noted with each sample P&P. Sample attachments are denoted with a paper clip  icon.

For more information on written documentation requirements, refer to “Clarifying Required Documentation” in [Get Started](#) and the “Required Written Documentation” (RWD) chapter in the [CAMAC](#), [CAMOBS](#), or their E-dition* counterparts. Check the [CAMAC](#), [CAMOBS](#), or E-dition applicability in your setting or refer to the [Applicability Grid](#).

Notes:

- Items shaded blue apply only to ambulatory care organizations.
- This table is accurate as of January 1, 2023.

Standard	EP	Description	Sample	Basis for Inclusion	What’s New
EC.01.01.01	4	Written plan to provide a safe environment	Environment of Care Plan	EPs require written documentation for ambulatory care organizations <i>Survey Activity Guide</i> document list item	Updated to clarify requirements of utility systems in leased spaces
	5	Written plan to provide a secure environment			
	6	Written plan to manage hazardous materials and waste			
	7	Written plan to manage fire safety			
	8	Written plan to manage medical equipment			
	9	Written plan to manage utility systems			
EC.02.01.01	14	Plan for managing MRI safety risks	Managing MRI Risks Policy	Recommended inclusion	
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EC.02.02.01	3	Written procedures for responding to hazardous material and waste spills or exposures	Hazardous Material Spill Response Procedures	EPs require written documentation	
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EC.02.03.01	9	Written plan for fire response	Fire Response Plan	EPs require written documentation	
EC.02.03.03	1	Written procedures to follow when conducting quarterly fire drills			
	2	Written procedures to follow when conducting fire drills every 12 months			

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EC.02.03.03	1	Plan for establishing fire drill procedures	Fire Drill Procedures	Recommended inclusion	
	2		Fire Drill Evaluation Form		
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	5		Fire Drill Scheduling Tool		
EC.02.04.01	6	Written procedures to follow when medical equipment fails	Medical Equipment Failure Response Procedure	EP requires written documentation	
EC.02.04.03	8	Policy for storing, handling, using, and disposing of compressed gas cylinders	Compressed Gas Cylinder Management Policy	Recommended inclusion	
EC.02.05.03	15	Written policy for emergency backup for essential refrigeration for medication	Emergency Backup for Medication Refrigeration Policy	EP requires written documentation	
EC.02.05.05	1	Written procedures for managing risks associated with air quality requirements, infection control, and utility requirements	Utility System Disruption Response Procedures	EPs require written documentation	
	2	Written policy for inspecting, testing, and maintaining utility systems			
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EC.02.06.05	2	Policy for conducting a preconstruction risk assessment for air quality requirements, infection control, utility requirements, noise, vibration, and other hazards	Infection Control During Construction Policy	Recommended inclusion	
	3	Policy for minimizing risks during demolition, construction, renovation, or general maintenance			
EC.04.01.01	15	Process for reviewing EC management plans every 12 months	Environment of Care Management Plan Annual Evaluation Process	<i>Survey Activity Guide</i> document list item	