



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 Behavioral Health Care and Human Services*. 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 [CAMBHC](#) or its E-dition® counterpart. Check the [CAMBHC](#) or E-dition applicability in your setting or refer to the [Applicability Grids](#).

Notes:

- Items shaded pink apply only to child welfare agencies.
- Item shaded orange applies only to organizations that operate a pharmacy.
- 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	Updated to clarify requirements of utility systems in leased spaces
	5	Written plan to provide a secure environment			
	7	Written plan to manage fire safety			
	9	Written plan to manage utility systems			
EC.02.01.01	1	Written process for identifying safety and security risks associated with the environment of care	Environmental Safety and Security Risk Identification Procedures	EP requires written documentation	
EC.02.01.03	1	Written policy prohibiting smoking	Smoke-Free Policy	EPs require written documentation	
	3	Written criteria defining circumstances under which individuals served may smoke			
EC.02.01.05	1	Written policy addressing the need for child welfare agencies to place individuals in foster care in physically safe environments	Foster Care Environment Safety Assessment Policy  Foster Home Safety Checklist	EP requires written documentation for child welfare agencies	
EC.02.03.01	9	Written plan for responding to fires	Fire Response Plan	EPs require written documentation	

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EC.02.03.03	1	Procedures for fire drills	Fire Drill Procedures	Recommended inclusion	
EC.02.04.03	3	Written process for inspecting, testing, and maintaining medical equipment	Medical Equipment Failure Response Procedures	EP requires written documentation	
EC.04.01.01	15	Policy for annual review of environment of care management plan	Environment of Care Management Plan Annual Evaluation Policy	Recommended inclusion	
EC.02.05.01	10	Written procedures for responding to utility system disruptions	Utility System Maintenance and Disruption Response Procedures	EPs require written documentation	
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EC.02.05.03	3	Written policy requiring emergency backup for essential medication dispensing equipment	Emergency Backup for Medication Refrigeration Policy	EP requires written documentation	New P&P
	14	Policy requiring emergency backup for essential medication dispensing equipment	Providing Emergency Power to Medication Dispensing Equipment	EP requires written documentation	New P&P