


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 Nursing Care Center and Assisted Living Community*. 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 [CAMALC](#), [CAMNCC](#), or their E-edition® counterparts.

Notes:

- Items shaded peach apply only to nursing care centers.
- Items shaded blue apply only to assisted living communities.
- 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	
	5	Written plan to provide a secure environment			
	7	Written plan to manage fire safety			
	9	Written plan to manage utility systems			
	10	Written visitation policies and protocols			
EC.02.01.01	15	Written procedures for responding to patient or resident elopement	Patient and/or Resident Elopement 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 who may smoke			
EC.02.02.01	3	Written procedures for managing risks related to hazardous materials and waste	Hazardous Material Spill Response Procedures	EPs require written documentation	
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EC.02.03.01	9	Written plan for responding to fires	Fire Response Plan	EP requires written documentation	

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EC.02.03.05	1	Plan for testing and maintaining fire safety equipment and fire safety building features	Fire Safety Equipment and Building Features Maintenance Policy	Recommended inclusion	Updated policy to clarify time frames for testing various supervisory signal devices
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EC.02.04.01	3	Written process for maintaining, inspecting, and testing medical equipment	Medical Equipment Failure Response Procedures	EPs require written documentation	
	6	Written procedures to address medical equipment failure			
EC.02.05.01	4	Written process for inspecting and maintaining utility systems	Utility System Disruption Response Procedures	EPs require written documentation	
	10	Written procedures for responding to utility system disruptions			
EC.02.05.02	2	Written plan for water risk management	Water Risk Management Plan	EP requires written documentation	
EC.02.05.03	14	Written policy for providing emergency backup for medication disbursement	Policy for Providing Emergency Power to Medication Dispensing Equipment	EP requires written documentation	Added new policy
	15	Written policy for providing emergency backup for medication refrigeration	Emergency Backup for Medication Refrigeration Policy	EP requires written documentation	