

Prepublication Requirements

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Revisions to the RI Standards

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Please note: Where applicable, this report shows current standards and EPs first, with deleted language struck-through. Then, the revised requirement follows in bold text, with new language underlined.

APPLICABLE TO THE CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

Effective July 1, 2022

Rights and Responsibilities of the Individual (RI) Chapter

RI.01.01.01

The critical access hospital respects, protects, and promotes patient rights.

Element(s) of Performance for RI.01.01.01

37. The critical access hospital considers patients' privacy and complies with law and regulation when making and using recordings, films, or other images of patients.

Note: The term "recordings, films, or other images" refers to photographic, video, digital, electronic, or audio media.



RI.01.03.01

The critical access hospital honors the patient's right to give or withhold informed consent.

Element(s) of Performance for RI.01.03.01

Key: **D** indicates that documentation is required;

R indicates an identified risk area;

1. The critical access hospital follows a written policy on informed consent that describes the following: D
- The specific care, treatment, and services that require informed consent
 - Circumstances that would allow for exceptions to obtaining informed consent
 - The process used to obtain informed consent
 - How informed consent is documented in the patient record
- Note: Documentation may be recorded in a form, in progress notes, or elsewhere in the record.
- When a surrogate decision-maker may give informed consent
- (See also RI.01.02.01, EP 2)

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- **The specific care, treatment, and services that require informed consent**
 - **Circumstances that would allow for exceptions to obtaining informed consent**
 - **The process used to obtain informed consent**
 - **The licensed practitioner permitted to conduct the informed consent discussion in accordance with law and regulation**
 - **How informed consent is documented in the patient record**
- Note: Documentation may be recorded in a form, in progress notes, or elsewhere in the record.
- **When a surrogate decision-maker may give informed consent**
- (See also RI.01.02.01, EP 2)

3. ~~The critical access hospital obtains and documents informed consent in advance when it makes and uses recordings, films, or other images of patients for internal use other than the identification, diagnosis, or treatment of the patient (for example, performance improvement and education).~~ D
- ~~Note 1: The term "recordings, films, or other images" refers to photographic, video, digital, electronic, or audio media.~~
- ~~Note 2: This element of performance does not apply to the use of security cameras.~~