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Updates to the Assisted Living Community Memory Care Add-on Certification

The Joint Commission has approved the following revisions for prepublication. While revised requirements are published in the semiannual updates to the print manuals (as well as in the online *E-dition*®), accredited organizations and paid subscribers can also view them in the monthly periodical The *Joint Commission Perspectives*®. To begin your subscription, call 800-746-6578 or visit http://www.jcrinc.com.

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 ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

Effective July 1, 2024

Leadership (LD) Chapter

LD.01.06.01

For organizations that elect The Joint Commission Memory Care Certification option: A ~~medical director or other~~ physician designated by the organization oversees the care, treatment, and services provided to residents.

For organizations that elect The Joint Commission Memory Care Certification option: A physician, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist designated by the organization oversees the care, treatment, and services provided to residents.

Element(s) of Performance for LD.01.06.01

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EP 3 For organizations that elect The Joint Commission Memory Care Certification option: The ~~medical director or~~ designated physician provides clinical leadership by doing the following:
- Directing and coordinating medical care ~~in the organization~~
~~- Participating in the creation of policies, procedures, and guidelines for clinical care, treatment, and services and the development of emergency treatment procedures for residents~~
- Participating in the provision of in-service training programs
~~- Making recommendations to governance on whether or not a physician or other licensed practitioner can provide care, treatment, and services at the organization~~
- Monitoring the performance of medical services
- Understanding the policies and programs of public health agencies that affect resident care programs
- Acting as the organization's medical representative in the community

Revised EP 3 For organizations that elect The Joint Commission Memory Care Certification option: The designated physician, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist, as permitted by law and regulation, provides clinical leadership by doing the following:
- Directing and coordinating medical care for residents in the memory care program
- Participating in the provision of in-service training programs
- Monitoring the performance of medical services
- Understanding the policies and programs of public health agencies that affect resident care programs
- Acting as the organization's medical representative in the community

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EP 7 For organizations that elect The Joint Commission Memory Care Certification option: The ~~medical director or~~ designated physician monitors the use of psychotropic medications ~~in order~~ to minimize misuse or overuse of these medications.
Note: Psychotropic medications include antipsychotics, antidepressants, anxiolytics, and sedatives/hypnotics.

Revised EP 7 For organizations that elect The Joint Commission Memory Care Certification option: The designated physician, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist monitors the use of psychotropic medications to minimize misuse or overuse of these medications.
Note: Psychotropic medications include antipsychotics, antidepressants, anxiolytics, and sedatives/hypnotics.

LD.01.07.01

~~For organizations that elect The Joint Commission Memory Care Certification option: Individual leaders have the knowledge needed for their roles in the organization or they seek guidance to fulfill their roles.~~

Element(s) of Performance for LD.01.07.01

Deleted EP 4 ~~For organizations that elect The Joint Commission Memory Care Certification option: If the facility's medical director or designated physician does not have the expertise to direct specialty programs, another physician with that expertise is identified to direct the medical care provided, and the relationship between these two positions is clearly defined.~~

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Medication Management (MM) Chapter

MM.01.01.05

For organizations that elect The Joint Commission Memory Care Certification option: The organization monitors the use of psychotropic medications.

Element(s) of Performance for MM.01.01.05

EP 2 For organizations that elect The Joint Commission Memory Care Certification option: The organization uses an interdisciplinary process that includes the physician, pharmacist, nurse, and other members of the health care team, as identified by the organization, to monitor residents' psychotropic medications. (See also MM.01.01.05, EP 6)

Revised EP 2 For organizations that elect The Joint Commission Memory Care Certification option: The organization uses an interdisciplinary process that includes the physician or other licensed practitioner, consulting pharmacist, nurse, and other members of the health care team, as identified by the organization, to monitor residents' psychotropic medications. (See also MM.01.01.05, EP 6)

EP 7 For organizations that elect The Joint Commission Memory Care Certification option: For residents admitted on an antipsychotic medication, the physician and consulting pharmacist review the resident's medication list. The review verifies the following:
- Clinical indication for the antipsychotic medication
- Necessity for ongoing use of the antipsychotic medication, based on the resident's potential to cause harm to self or others
- Consideration of gradual dose reduction of the antipsychotic medication
- Consideration of alternatives to antipsychotic medication use

Revised EP 7 For organizations that elect The Joint Commission Memory Care Certification option: For residents admitted on an antipsychotic medication, the physician or other licensed practitioner and consulting pharmacist review the resident's medication list. The review verifies the following:
- Clinical indication for the antipsychotic medication
- Necessity for ongoing use of the antipsychotic medication, based on the resident's potential to cause harm to self or others
- Consideration of gradual dose reduction of the antipsychotic medication
- Consideration of alternatives to antipsychotic medication use

Provision of Care, Treatment, and Services (PC) Chapter

PC.02.01.05

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The organization provides interdisciplinary, collaborative care, treatment, and services.

Element(s) of Performance for PC.02.01.05

EP 14 For organizations that elect The Joint Commission Memory Care Certification option: Information from consultation and evaluation reports is communicated to the resident's physician.

Revised EP 14 For organizations that elect The Joint Commission Memory Care Certification option: Information from consultation and evaluation reports is communicated to the resident's physician or other licensed practitioner.

PC.02.01.13

The resident has access to health care professionals as needed.

Element(s) of Performance for PC.02.01.13

EP 1 For organizations that elect The Joint Commission Memory Care Certification option: The assigned physician visits the resident in accordance with the resident's needs.

Revised EP 1 For organizations that elect The Joint Commission Memory Care Certification option: The assigned physician, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist, as permitted by law and regulation, visits the resident in accordance with the resident's needs.

EP 2 For organizations that elect The Joint Commission Memory Care Certification option: The assigned physician visits the resident at least once during the 30 days following move in.

Revised EP 2 For organizations that elect The Joint Commission Memory Care Certification option: The assigned physician, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist, as permitted by law and regulation, visits the resident at least once during the 30 days following move in.

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