

# Errata for 2009 Accreditation Manuals

The Joint Commission identified a correction to three elements of performance (EPs) in National Patient Safety Goal 15 published in the *2009 Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Behavioral Health Care*. Although the criticality designation is correct in the E-dition and in surveyor materials, the print manual inadvertently omits the direct impact icon for these three EPs. This correction is **effective immediately**.

A correction to the environment of care (EC) Standard EC.02.03.05, EP 18, in Update 1 to *2009 Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Hospitals* and *2009 Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Critical Access Hospitals*, in both the print and E-dition, is also **effective immediately**. The Joint Commission continues to allow the 6-year test frequency for fire and smoke dampers in hospitals only. **P**

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## Corrections to 2009 Accreditation Manuals

APPLICABLE TO PROGRAMS IDENTIFIED IN BLUE

### Effective Immediately

#### From the “Environment of Care” (EC) Chapter

Applicable to hospitals and critical access hospitals

#### EC.02.03.05, EP 18

The [organization] operates fire and smoke dampers ~~at least every 4~~ 1 year after installation and then at least every 6 years to verify that they fully close. The completion date of the tests is documented.


**Note 1:** The initial test that must occur 1 year after installation applies only to dampers installed on and after January 1, 2008.

**Note 2:** ~~For additional guidance on performing tests, see NFPA 90A, Standard for the Installation of Air Conditioning and Ventilation Systems, 1999 edition (Section 3-4.7) 80 Standard for Fire Doors and Other Opening Protectives, 2007 edition (19.4.1.1) and NFPA 105, 2007 edition (6.5.2).~~


#### From the “National Patient Safety Goal” (NPSG) Chapter

Applicable to behavioral health care

#### NPSG 15.01.01, EP 1

Change to Direct Impact Requirement 

#### NPSG 15.01.01, EP 2

Change to Direct Impact Requirement 

#### NPSG 15.01.01, EP 3

Change to Direct Impact Requirement 