



## **JCI Accreditation Standards for Home Care 2nd Edition: Available Now and Become Effective 1 April 2022**

JCI is excited to announce the publication of 2nd Edition of International Accreditation Standards for Home Care. The standards define the performance expectations, structures and functions that must be in place to be accredited by JCI and reflect the most up-to-date scientific evidence on patient safety as well as input from our current JCI accredited organizations and other expert stakeholders.

### **Highlights of Changes in the Standards Manual**

Chapter titles and concepts have been reorganized to be consistent with other JCI accreditation manuals, such as the Hospital 7th Edition and JCI has introduced requirements for improving the safety of reporting critical results, and handover communication. Additional changes include:

- Developed and implemented a process to improve the safety of look-alike/sound-alike medications
- Developed and implemented a process to identify and address health care-associated infections
- Increased focus on improving the continuum of care
- Increased focus on patient centered care
- Detailed explanations added to the Medication Management and Use (MMU) chapter to help organizations understand what standards and measurable elements apply depending on what type of pharmaceutical services are provided
- Detailed explanations added to the Facility Management and Safety (FMS) chapter to help organizations understand what standards and measurable elements apply to the home care facility and the patient home environment

### **Key Features of the Standards Manual:**

- Summary of changes to standards requirements
- Chapter overviews describing the focus of each chapter
- List of standards-only at the beginning of each chapter for quick reference
- Updated and new references providing evidence and support for key topics in the standards
- Accreditation Participation Requirements (APRs)

### **Organizations Seeking Accreditation or Reccreditation**

Beginning 1 April 2022, all home care organizations seeking accreditation or reccreditation from JCI will need to comply with the updated set of accreditation standards, as they will be surveyed under the 2nd edition. Prior to 1 April 2022, organizations will be surveyed under the 1st edition.

The 2nd edition manual is complimentary to current JCI-accredited home care customers through [JCI Direct Connect](#) and is also [available for purchase](#). For questions, please contact [jciaccreditation@jcrinc.com](mailto:jciaccreditation@jcrinc.com).