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## New and Revised Requirements for Antibiotic Stewardship

Effective January 1, 2023, new and revised antibiotic stewardship requirements will apply to all Joint Commission–accredited hospitals and critical access hospitals. The 12 elements of performance (EPs) are included in the “Medication Management” (MM) chapter (Standard MM.09.01.01) and expand upon the current expectations for antibiotic stewardship programs in the hospital setting. , there are more than 3

million infections and 48,000 deaths.<sup>1</sup> Optimizing the use of antibiotics is a patient safety priority, and antibiotic stewardship programs play a critical role in supporting appropriate antibiotic prescribing practices and reducing antibiotic resistance. As a result, The Joint Commission made several revisions to Standard MM.09.01.01, which include updates to align with federal regulations and current recommendations from scientific and professional organizations.

### Engagement with stakeholders, customers, and experts

In addition to an extensive literature review and public field review, The Joint Commission obtained expert guidance from the following group:

- [Technical Advisory Panel \(TAP\)](#) of subject matter experts from various health care and academic organizations and professional associations.

The prepublication version of the antibiotic stewardship standards will be available online until December 31, 2022. After January 1, 2023, please access the new requirements in the E-dition or standards manual.

### Medication Management Requirements:



## Rationale

Antibiotic stewardship programs promote appropriate antibiotic prescribing practices and play a critical role in reducing antibiotic resistance.<sup>2,3</sup> These new and revised requirements expand upon The Joint Commission's existing antibiotic stewardship requirements for hospitals and critical access hospitals and identify several key components that a successful program should have in place. For example, dedicating the resources necessary to support the antibiotic stewardship program is essential to demonstrate the hospital leadership's commitment to antibiotic stewardship as a patient safety priority.<sup>2,4</sup> Identifying (m)-7.2 (p)-6.9 (he)1.9 (o)27 (h)30.9 (e)J8 (i)-078 (is)09 (c)30.9 (eo) J8 (ima)

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