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POLICY UPDATE

ASHE update on CMS ligature-risk policy

In addition to ensuring a ligature-resistant or ligature-free environment in psychiatric hospitals and psychiatric units within acute care hospitals as required by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, health care facilities are expected to demonstrate how they identify at-risk patients and to give special consideration to locations in which this patient population is treated, such as emergency rooms. ASHE members have free access to a members-only tool to assess ligature risks. —HFM

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ASHE members are invited to share their Quiet at Night policies, procedures, tools or success stories by visiting the My ASHE online community and clicking on "Volunteer Opportunities" under the volunteer tab. —ASHE



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