The Joint Commission realized that suicide rates have not improved over the past decade and has issued updated requirements in order to improve the quality and safety of care for those who are being treated for behavioral health conditions and those who are identified as high risk for suicide. The requirements include screening and assessment guidelines, environmental assessment, follow-up care and safety planning. The Commission indicates specific tools and resources to meet the requirements. This guidance represents an update to the National Patient Safety Goal (NPSG) 15.01.01. It supersedes all prior updates.

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