What are the Joint Commission National Patient Safety Goals related to facilities?

THE DIRECT ANSWER

The facilities-relevant patient safety goals now live in the National Performance Goals (NPGs) , which replaced the National Patient Safety Goals on January 1, 2026, under Accreditation 360. For facilities leaders, the ones that matter are NPG 5 (infection prevention and control), NPG 8 (suicide risk reduction — the old NPSG 15, with heavy environment-of-care implications), and NPG 11 (workplace and patient safety).

FROM NPSGS TO NPGS: WHAT CHANGED

- The Joint Commission consolidated the NPSGs into 14 National Performance Goals for hospitals. The goals didn't vanish — they were reframed as performance outcomes.

THE THREE NPGS FACILITIES TEAMS OWN

- NPG 5 — Infection prevention and control. Your domain: isolation room pressure, construction ICRA, water management, sterilization environments, hand hygiene infrastructure (sink placement, sanitizer availability).
- NPG 8 — Suicide risk reduction. Your domain: ligature-resistant environments in behavioral health areas — anchor points, door hardware, bathroom fixtures. This is consistently among the most-cited standards; the environment is where facilities either passes or fails it.
- NPG 11 — Workplace and patient safety. Your domain: the physical environment's contribution to safety for everyone in the building — slips, trips, falls; workplace violence environmental controls; safe patient handling infrastructure.

FIELD QUESTION

Did the NPSGs go away in 2026?

They were consolidated into 14 National Performance Goals for hospitals under Accreditation 360, effective January 1, 2026. NPSG 15 (suicide risk) content continues under NPG 8 for hospitals.

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