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Removal of Position Statement: Preventing Nosocomial COVID-19 Infections as Organizations Resume Regular Care Delivery

The Joint Commission is removing the Position Statement Preventing Nosocomial COVID-19 Infections as Organizations Resume Regular Care Delivery. This guidance document was originally written in May, 2020 when COVID-19 cases in the U.S. were declining, healthcare organizations were rapidly working to resume elective procedures and ambulatory care, and The Joint Commission was receiving many questions regarding reopening. Unfortunately, COVID-19 cases surged across many the continuing

epidemic amidst persistent shortages of personal protective equipment (PPE).

The situation in the U.S. continues to evolve, and we have heard from a number of professional societies and healthcare organizations that sections of the position statement were problematic because of the changes in the COVID-19 epidemic and our understanding of the science around COVID-19 transmission. The CDC has updated