Serious Reportable Event Submission & Evaluation

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2a. CURRENTLY ENDORSED SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT

Name of Event: Infant discharged to the wrong person

Suggested Change:
☒ Specify the Applicable Care Setting(s) marked below
☐ Remove Endorsement
☒ Modify SRE Specifications

Describe Suggested Modification(s) in specific detail:
1) Recommend consideration of “any minor” or “any person unable to make decisions”
2) Recommend changing “wrong person” to “unauthorized person”

Rationale for removing endorsement or modifying the SRE (include pertinent evidence, data):
1) Being more inclusive in the definition better captures the populations of children and vulnerable adults that should not be discharged to a person not authorized to serve in that role.

If modifications are made, are the changes likely to result in a substantial change in the current count of SREs? ☐ Yes ☑ No If yes, please explain:

(for NQF staff use) The proposed change is justified (Does the rationale justify the proposed change?) ☑ Yes
Applicable Care Settings (Mark all to which event is relevant)
- [x] Hospital
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Reviewer Comments/Rationale:

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(for NQF staff use) Identify related endorsed measures N/A

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Please check the appropriate consequence and describe it

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Codes and descriptors (if used):

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(for NQF staff use) Identify related endorsed measures

Reviewer Comments:

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Steering Committee: Do you recommend for endorsement?
Comments/Rationale:

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2a. CURRENTLY ENDORSED SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT

Name of Event:
Patient death or serious disability associated with patient elopement (disappearance)

Suggested Change:
☒ Specify the Applicable Care Setting(s) marked below
☐ Remove Endorsement
☐ Modify SRE Specifications

Describe Suggested Modification(s) in specific detail:

Rationale for removing endorsement or modifying the SRE (include pertinent evidence, data):

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(for NQF staff use) The proposed change is justified (Does the rationale justify the proposed change?) ☑ Yes ☐ No

Applicable Care Settings (Mark all to which event is relevant)
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(for NQF staff use) Identify related endorsed measures **N/A**

### RECOMMENDATION

**Steering Committee:**

Do you recommend the proposed change? ✓

Do you recommend the proposed change with modification? ✓ Specify the modification

**Comments/Rationale:**

### 3a. NEW SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT

The Event is a discrete, auditable, and clearly defined occurrence

Name of Proposed New Event:

**Y**

### 3b. PREVENTABLE, SERIOUS, UNAMBIGUOUS

**Brief Description of Event:**

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Definitions:

Codes and descriptors (if used):

Instructions for counting events, calculating rates, and providing context for low frequency:

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Reviewer Comments/Rationale:

### 3e. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION for NEW SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT

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Reviewer Comments:

**RECOMMENDATION**

Steering Committee: Do you recommend for endorsement?
Comments/Rationale:

Steering Committee Reviewer Name:

### 4. PRIORITY AREAS

(for NQF staff use) Select the most relevant priority area(s), quality domain(s), and consumer need(s).

**National Priority Partners Priority Area**
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- [ ] overuse

**IOM Quality Domain**
- [ ] effectiveness
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**Consumer Care Need**
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**Staff Notes to Submitter** (if submission returned): 

**Staff Notes to Reviewers** (issues or questions regarding any criteria): 

**Staff Reviewer Name(s):**

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**Suggested Change:**

/routes/Specify the Applicable Care Setting(s) marked below

[ ] Remove Endorsement  
[ ] Modify SRE Specifications

**Describe Suggested Modification(s) in specific detail:**

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**Reviewer Comments:**

#### RECOMMENDATION

**Steering Committee:**

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Specify the modification

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#### RECOMMENDATION

Steering Committee: Do you recommend for endorsement?  
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2a. CURRENTLY ENDORSED SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT

Name of Event: Patient Death or Serious Disability Associated with Patient Elopement

Suggested Change:  
• Specify the Applicable Care Setting(s) marked below  
• Remove Endorsement  
• Modify SRE Specifications  

Describe Suggested Modification(s) in specific detail: Re-define serious disability as” injury requiring extended hospitalization, prolonged loss of function (affecting the ability to perform activities of daily living) for at least 30 days”. Clarify if ED patients are included in this event. Would an ED patient be included only after having been registered with the ED (not patient who left prior to being admitted to the ED). Clarify time from elopement to patient death or serious disability, e.g., 24 hrs, 3 days?

Rationale for removing endorsement or modifying the SRE (include pertinent evidence, data): The current definition for serious disability leads to subjective interpretation. There should be a time frame after elopement where the hospital is no longer for responsible for the event.

If modifications are made, are the changes likely to result in a substantial change in the current count of SREs? □ Yes  x  No  If yes, please explain:

(for NQF staff use) The proposed change is justified (Does the rationale justify the proposed change?)  Y  N
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| Specify the modification | Specifying change? |
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### RECOMMENDATION

Steering Committee: Do you recommend for endorsement?
Comments/Rationale:

Steering Committee Reviewer Name:

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Is this submission about a currently endorsed SRE or a proposed new SRE?  
- [ ] Currently Endorsed  
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Name of Event:  
Patient suicide, or attempted suicide resulting in serious disability, while being cared for in a health care facility

Suggested Change:  
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Describe Suggested Modification(s) in specific detail:

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- [ ] Yes  
- [x] No  
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**RECOMMENDATION**

Steering Committee: Do you recommend for endorsement?
Comments/Rationale:

Y □ N □ A □

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