

December 8, 2014

**RESCISSION OF VHA HANDBOOK 1120.03, PATIENT HEALTH EDUCATION
PROCEDURES FOR ACCREDITATION BY THE JOINT COMMISSION**

1. By direction of the Interim Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration (VHA), VHA Handbook 1120.03, Patient Health Education Procedures for Accreditation by the Joint Commission, dated July 9, 2009, is rescinded.
2. The Veterans Health Education and Information Program has developed more effective mechanisms to provide the field with timely information and resources about The Joint Commission patient education standards, located on the SharePoint at:
[\\vaww.infoshare.va.gov/DavWWWRoot/sites/prevention/VHEI/Shared Documents/VHEI Facility Program/The Joint Commission Patient Ed Requirements/2012_Patient Family Education Standards FINAL 3-26-12.xls](http://vaww.infoshare.va.gov/DavWWWRoot/sites/prevention/VHEI/Shared Documents/VHEI Facility Program/The Joint Commission Patient Ed Requirements/2012_Patient Family Education Standards FINAL 3-26-12.xls). *NOTE: This is an internal VA Web site not available to the public.*
3. All inquiries concerning this action should be addressed to Rose Mary Pries, National Program Manager for Veterans Health Education and Information in the Office of the VHA National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (10P4N) at 919-383-7874, extension 2500.
4. This VHA Notice will be archived as of December 31, 2018. However, the information will remain in effect.

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