**Section 250.1035 Domestic Violence Standards**

*A hospital licensed under the Act* shall *comply with the* following *standards relating to domestic violence* (Section 6.01 of the Act) (see Hospital Accreditation Standards (HAS) of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, Section 250.160):

a) Hospitals shall have policies regarding the identification of possible victims of

 abuse.

b) Hospital policies regarding possible victims of alleged or suspected abuse or

 neglect shall address patients' special needs relative to the patient assessment

process, including consent, evidence collection, notification and release of information to authorities, and referrals to community agencies.

c) Nothing in this Section requires hospitals to adopt new policies regarding domestic violence if their existing hospital policies meet the requirements of this Section.

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