

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ENVIRONMENT RISK ASSESSMENT

|   | Yes | No | Comment |
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| Walls are in good condition and do not have holes.  |     |    |         |
| Paneling, if present, has no projections/splinters.   |     |    |         |
| Railings are secured to walls and are blocked.  |     |    |         |
| Connections between the wall and the floor are secured.   |     |    |         |
| Light fixtures are recessed and/or do not have glass or removable covers.                       |     |    |         |
| Sprinklers are recessed and do not allow for “hanging.”   |     |    |         |
| Windows are unbreakable (Plexiglas or acrylic).   |     |    |         |
| Windows are not operable or they open less than 8 inches.                                       |     |    |         |
| Window treatments are free of cords and hung so that they break with more than 40 pounds.       |     |    |         |
| All curtains are breakaway or have recessed rods.   |     |    |         |
| Heating and cooling vents have mesh covers and are secured.                                     |     |    |         |
| Electrical outlet covers are fastened with security screws.                                     |     |    |         |
| Wall hangings/pictures are without glass and are not removable                                  |     |    |         |
| Security screws are used.   |     |    |         |
| Ceilings are securely fixed. No ceiling tiles.  |     |    |         |
| Ventilation grills cannot be removed and openings are not large enough to allow a cord to pass. |     |    |         |
| Furniture cannot be broken or used as a weapon.   |     |    |         |
| Televisions are encased in a protective cabinet.  |     |    |         |
| There are no extension cords.   |     |    |         |
| Plastic trash bags are not used in patient care areas.  |     |    |         |
| Plastic pillow cases or mattress covers are not used.   |     |    |         |
| Shower heads are recessed to prevent hanging.   |     |    |         |
| Tubs are not used or, if present, are monitored by staff when in use.                           |     |    |         |
| Toilet fixtures are not breakable and tank lids are secured.                                    |     |    |         |
| Toxic substances are not stored in patient care areas.  |     |    |         |
| Piping under the sink is securely covered.  |     |    |         |

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| Mirrors are not breakable.   |  |  |  |
| Exit doors are locked to prevent egress.   |  |  |  |
| Fire extinguishers are secured or located out of patient care areas.                                       |  |  |  |
| Outside patient areas are enclosed/fenced to prevent patient elopement.                                    |  |  |  |
| Shrubbery/trees near fencing are trimmed to prevent elopement.   |  |  |  |
| Unit design allows for good visualization of patient day areas and dining room.                            |  |  |  |
| Seclusion room allows for visualization of the entire room from outside the door.                          |  |  |  |
| Seclusion room is empty and free of all projections.   |  |  |  |
| Window in seclusion room is secured.   |  |  |  |
| Seclusion room does not contain exposed outlet.  |  |  |  |
| Bathroom doors in patient rooms are sloped to prevent hanging.   |  |  |  |
| All door knobs are sloped to prevent hanging.  |  |  |  |
| Door hinges are flush, or slanted.   |  |  |  |
| Patient wardrobes do not have doors on them.   |  |  |  |
| Beds are nonadjustable type, without springs or storage drawers.   |  |  |  |
| If beds are electric, cords are no longer than 12 inches.  |  |  |  |
| Routine environmental rounds are conducted (at least daily).   |  |  |  |
| Metal flatware is not used or is supervised by staff.  |  |  |  |
| Patients are not allowed to have belts, pens/pencils, glass, metal, nail clippers, or razors unsupervised. |  |  |  |
| Sharps log is maintained.  |  |  |  |

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