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APC Summary of Changes

GAHAR PHC 2025	GAHAR PHC 2021	Details of changes
APC.01 KW: Accurate and complete information	APC.03 KW: Accurate and complete information	 Modified EOC: (EOC.01: The PHC reports accurate and complete information to GAHAR during the accreditation process). Modified EOC: (EOC.02: The PHC reports accurate and complete information to GAHAR in between accreditation visits). Modified EOC: (EOC.03: The PHC reports within 30 days any structural changes in the PHC, scope of work of addition or deletion of medical services by more than 20% of its scope, building expansions, or demolitions).
APC.02 KW: Professional standards during surveys	APC.05 KW: Professional standards during surveys	 Modified Standard statement: (The PHC maintains professional standards <u>before and</u> during surveys). Modified EOC: (EOC.01: The PHC reports any conflict of interest to GAHAR with evidence <u>before or</u> during surveys). Added new EOC: (EOC.05: The PHC Displays GAHAR Gold Seal prominently (e.g., at facility entrance, website, external official documents, and advertisements).
APC.03 KW: Sustaining compliance with accreditation standards	APC.01 KW: Sustaining registration requirements	 Modified Standard statement: (The GAHAR-accredited PHC ensures continuous compliance with the standards). Modified EOC: (EOC.01: The PHC establishes a process for assessment of compliance with provisional accreditation/accreditation standards at least quarterly). Modified EOC: (EOC.02: The PHC acts on all feedback and reports received from GAHAR during the provisional accreditation/accreditation period). Updated EOC: (EOC.04) by merging two EOCs (EOC.04 and EOC.05) in PHC edition 2021.

PCC Summary of Changes

GAHAR PHC 2025	GAHAR PHC 2021	Details of changes
PCC.01 KW: Multidisciplinary patient-centeredness	KW: interdisciplinary patient-centeredness	 Modified Standard statement: (Patient-centered culture is developed and supported by the PHC staff and leaders). Added new EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC has a multidisciplinary committee with clear terms of reference). (EOC.02: The committee meets at least quarterly, and meeting minutes are recorded). Modified EOCs: (EOC.03: Responsible staff are aware of patient-centered culture. Updated EOC: (EOC.05) by merging three EOCs (EOC.02, EOC.03, and EOC.05) in PHC edition 2021.
PCC.02 KW: Patient and family rights	PCC.03 KW: Patient and family rights	 Rephrasing EOC: (EOC.05: Patients and families are informed of their rights in a manner they can understand). Modified EOCs: (EOC.03: Patients' rights are posted and visible to patients, families, and staff). Added new EOC: (EOC.06: Violations against patients' rights are reported and analyzed, and corrective action is taken).
PCC.03 KW: Patient and family responsibilities	PCC.04 KW: Patient and family responsibilities	 Modified EOC: (EOC.03: Patients' responsibilities are posted and visible to patients, families, and staff). Rephrasing EOC: (EOC.04: Patients are informed of their responsibilities in a manner they can understand). Added new EOC: (EOC.05: Violations against patients' responsibilities are reported and analyzed, and corrective action is taken).
PCC.04 KW: Patient and family education process	PCC.05 KW: Patient and family education process	 Modified Standard statement: (Patient and family education is clearly provided). Modified EOCs:

		(EOC.01: The PHC has a patient and family education policy guiding the process of patient and family education that includes at least the points mentioned in the intent from a) through d). (EOC.02: Responsible staff members are aware of patients' and families' education process and recording). - Rephrasing EOC: (EOC.04: Patient education activities are recorded in the patient's medical record).
PCC.05 KW: Recorded informed consent	PCC.07 KW: Recorded informed consent	 Modified Standard statement: (The PHC has a defined process to obtain informed consent for certain medical processes). Rephrasing EOC: (EOC.05: Healthcare professional obtaining the informed consent signs the form with the patient). Modified EOC: (EOC.01: The PHC has an approved informed consent policy guiding the process of obtaining informed consent that includes all elements mentioned in the intent from a) through b).
PCC.06 KW: Waiting spaces	PCC.08 KW: Waiting spaces	- No change.
PCC.07 KW: Patient's dignity and privacy	PCC.09 KW: Patient's dignity and privacy	 Rephrasing Standard statement: (The patient's dignity and privacy are protected during all medical care processes). Rephrasing EOCs: (EOC.01: Staff members provide care with respect for the patient's dignity and sense of self-worth). (EOC.03: Patients are allowed to decide who can attend their screening, assessment, or management processes).
PCC.08 KW: Patient belongings	KW : Patient belongings	 Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC has an approved policy guiding PHC responsibilities for patient belongings as mentioned in the intent from a) to e).

		 (EOC.02: Responsible staff members are aware of the PHC's patient belongings policy). Added new EOC: (EOC.04: The patient's belongings are protected and recorded according to the policy).
PCC.09 KW: Patient and family feedback	PCC.11 KW: Patient and family feedback	 Rephrasing EOC: (EOC.02: Feedback from patients and families is received, analyzed and interpreted). (EOC.03: The feedback is shared with the concerned staff members). Modified EOC: (EOC.04: The PHC monitors the reported data on patients' and families' feedback and takes actions to control or improve the process as appropriate).
PCC.10 KW: Complaints and suggestions	PCC.12 KW: Complaints and suggestions	 Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC has an approved policy guiding the process of managing patients' complaints and suggestions as mentioned in the intent from a) through e). (EOC.05: Complaints and suggestions are investigated & analyzed by the PHC and resolved in a defined timeframe). Added new EOC: (EOC.02: Staff is aware of the complaints policy).
PCC.11 KW: Patient's needs	PCC.13 KW: Patient's needs	 Modified EOC: (EOC.01: Healthcare providers identify patients' emotional, religious, and spiritual needs). Added new EOC: (EOC.02: Patient needs and preferences are documented in the patient's medical record).

ACT Summary of Changes

GAHAR PHC 2025	GAHAR PHC 2021	Details of changes
ACT.01 KW: Granting access (before patient registration) ACT.02	ACT.01 KW: Granting access (before patient registration) ACT.02	 Modified EOC: (EOC.01: The PHC has an approved policy for granting access to patients that addresses all elements mentioned in the intent from a) through d).
KW: Registration process	KW: Registration process	 Modified EOC: (EOC.01: The PHC has an approved policy guiding PHC registration that addresses all elements mentioned in the intent from a) through d).
ACT.03 KW: Patient identification	ACT.03 KW: Patient identification	 Rephrasing of standard statement to be: (Accurate patient identification using at least two identifiers to identify the patient). Updated EOC: (EOC.05) by merging two EOCs (EOC.05 and EOC.06) in PHC 2021.
ACT.04 KW: Patient flow risks	ACT.04 KW: Patient flow risks	 Modified standard statement to be: (There is a process in place to manage patient flow through PHC).
ACT.05 KW: Patient care responsibility	ACT.05 KW: Patient care responsibility	 Rephrasing of standard statement to be: (The PHC has a process guiding the assignment of patient care responsibility). Added a new EOC: (EOC.02: The medical staff are aware of the contents of the policy.
ACT.06 KW: Physical access and comfort	ACT.06 KW: Physical access and comfort	- No change.
ACT.07 KW: Wayfinding signage	ACT.07 KW: Wayfinding signage	- No change.
ACT.08 KW: Patient transportation	ACT.08 KW: Patient transportation	 Rephrasing of standard statement to be: (The PHC coordinates and provides patient transportation to meet patients' needs).
ACT.09 KW: Referral process	ACT.09 KW: Referral process	 Rephrasing of standard statement to be: (Processes of patient referral is defined). Rephrasing EOC.04: The referral sheets are complete with all the required elements from i) to viii) in the intent and kept in the medical record).
ACT.10 KW: <u>Telemedicine</u>		New Standard.

ICD Summary of Changes

GAHAR PHC 2025	GAHAR PHC 2021	Details of changes
ICD.01 KW: Uniform care	ICD.01 KW: Uniform care	 Modified Standard Statement: (Care delivery is uniform when similar services are needed based on the clinical guidelines). Added new EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC has a policy to ensure its commitment to providing uniform care to all patients when a similar service is needed). (EOC.02: Responsible staff members are aware of the PHC policy). (EOC.04: Patients, based on the acuity of their condition, equally receive the same level of care regardless of any barriers such as patient background, location, or the timing of care). Modified EOC: (EOC.03: The PHC has clinical guidelines to guide the uniformity of care all over the PHC).
ICD.02 KW: Screening and assessment by qualified staff	ICD.02 KW: Collaborative care	 Modified Standard Statement: (The PHC defines who is permitted to screen and assess the patients according to laws and regulations). Modified EOC: (EOC.02: The scope of screening and assessment for each staff category is defined).
ICD.03 KW: First visit health assessment	ICD.05 KW: First visit health screening	 Modified Standard Statement: (First visit health <u>assessment</u> is performed).
ICD.04 KW: Patient medical assessments, family health clinic visit's sheet	ICD.06 KW: Patient medical assessments	Modified Standard Statement: (Medical assessment and care provided in family health clinics are according to national guidelines and protocols).
		 Added a new EOC: (EOC.02: Responsible Staff is aware of the policy).

		 Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC has a patient medical assessment policy and procedures to define the contents of the family health clinic visit sheet, including items from a) through g). (EOC.03: Significant findings and investigations are documented in the family health clinic visit sheet). (EOC.04: The name and signature of the physician are documented in the family health clinic visit sheet).
ICD.05 KW: Patient nursing assessment	ICD.09 KW: Patient nursing assessment	 Modified Standard Statement: (Nursing assessments are performed according to the <u>national professional practice guidelines</u>). Modified EOC: (EOC.03: Nursing assessments are performed <u>within a time frame according to the PHC policy)</u>.
ICD.06 KW: Oral healthcare	ICD.08 KW: Oral healthcare	 Rephrasing of EOCs:(EOC.01: The PHC has an oral healthcare policy to guide oral healthcare services, addressing the elements from a) through e) in the intent). Modified EOC: (EOC.03: Oral health services are performed according to the policy).
ICD.07 KW: Fall screening and prevention	ICD.10 KW: Fall screening and prevention	 Rephrasing of Standard Statement: (Patient's risk of falling is screened, assessed, and managed). Rephrasing of EOC: (EOC.02: Responsible staff is aware of the elements of approved policy).
ICD.08 KW: Orders and requests	ICD.11 KW: Orders and requests	 Modified EOCs: (EOC.02: Medical orders follow all the required

		 elements mentioned in the intent from a) through h). (EOC.03: There is a process to evaluate the completeness and accuracy of orders and requests. Added a new EOC: (EOC.04: Communication with medical staff members is done when an order or request is not clear, not complete, or needs more information).
ICD.09 KW: Pain screening, assessment, and management	ICD.13 KW: Pain screening, assessment, and management	 Modified EOCs: (EOC.02: Responsible staff members are aware of the policy). (EOC.03: All patients are screened for pain). Added a new EOC: (EOC.04: A comprehensive pain assessment is performed when pain is identified from the screening).
ICD.10 KW: Plan of Care	ICD.07 KW: Plan of Care	 Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: The plan of care is developed by all relevant disciplines based on their assessments). (EOC.03: The plan of care is developed with the participation of the patient and/or family in decision-making). Added new EOCs: (EOC.02: The plan of care is documented in the patient's medical record and addresses all the elements mentioned in the intent from a) through g). (EOC.05: The achievement of treatment goals is followed up and evaluated). Rephrasing of EOC:(EOC.04:_The plan of care is changed / updated, as appropriate, based on a

		reassessment of the patient's changing condition.)
ICD.11 KW: Verbal and telephone orders	KW: Verbal and telephone orders	 Modified Standard Statement: (Verbal or telephone orders are communicated and documented according to a defined process). Modified EOC: (EOC.01: The PHC has an approved policy for guiding the communication of verbal and telephone orders that addresses at least all elements mentioned in the intent from a) through e). Updated EOC (EOC.04) by merging two EOCs (EOC.04 and EOC.05) in PHC edition 2021.
ICD.12 KW: Emergency services	ICD.14 KW: Emergency services	 Added a new EOC: (EOC.01: The PHC has an approved policy for emergency services as mentioned in the intent from a) to d). Modified EOCs: (EOC.02: Trained staff members offer emergency services). (EOC.05: Medical records of emergency patients include Items from i) to viii) in the intent).
ICD.13 KW: Cardiopulmonary resuscitation	ICD.15 KW: Cardiopulmonary resuscitation and medical emergencies ICD.16 KW: Emergency equipment and supplies	 Updated standard by merging two standards (ICD.15 and ICD.16) in PHC edition 2021.
ICD.14 KW: Immunization program	ICD.17 KW: Immunization program	- No change.
ICD.15 KW: Pediatric immunization program	ICD.18 KW: Pediatric immunization program	- No change.
ICD.16	ICD.19	- No change.

KW: Adult immunization program	KW: Adult immunization program	
ICD.17 KW: Child health program	ICD.20 KW: Child health program	 Modified Standard Statement: (The child health program is effective and covers all newborns, infants, preschool, and school-age children, according to national guidelines).
ICD.18 KW: Maternity health program	ICD.21 KW: Maternity health program	 Modified EOC: (EOC.06: The PHC monitors the reported data of antenatal and postnatal visits and takes actions to control or improve the process, as appropriate).
ICD.19 KW: Reproductive health program	ICD.22 KW: Reproductive health program	 Modified EOC: (EOC.04: Reproductive Health education needed messages, material, and tools are available).
ICD.20 KW: Non-communicable diseases	ICD.23 KW: Non-communicable diseases	 Modified Standard Statement: (Management of non-communicable diseases is performed according to laws and regulations and <u>clinical</u> <u>guidelines</u>).
ICD.21 KW: Special-needs patient populations	ICD.24 KW: Special-needs patient populations	- Added a new EOC: (EOC.02: Responsible staff members are aware of the policy).
ICD.22 KW: Critical results	ICD.25 KW: Critical results	 Modified Standard Statement: (Critical results are communicated in time and documented according to the defined process). Updated EOC (EOC.04) by merging two EOCs (EOC.04 and EOC.05) in PHC edition 2021.

DAS Summary of Changes

GAHAR PHC 2025	GAHAR PHC 2021	Details of changes
DAS.01 KW: Planning medical imaging services	DAS.01 KW: Planning medical imaging services	 Updated EOC (EOC.01) by merging two EOCs (EOC.01 and EOC.02) in PHC edition 2021.
DAS.02 KW: Technical standards (practice parameters)	DAS.02 KW: Technical standards (practice parameters)	- No change.
DAS.03 KW: Medical imaging results	DAS.03 KW: Medical imaging results	 Rephrasing of EOC: (EOC.02: Competent staff members are involved in interpreting and reporting results). Modified EOCs: (EOC.04: Medical imaging and Ultrasound findings are recorded in the patient's medical record). (EOC.05: When reports are not complete, there is a process to inform the reporting medical staff member and corrective action taken).
DAS.04 KW: Radiation safety program	DAS.04 KW: Radiation safety program	 Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC has a written, updated, and approved radiation safety program that addresses all elements mentioned in the intent from a) through f). (EOC.04: The PHC ensures that exposed patients do not exceed the approved maximum level according to local laws and regulations. Added a new EOC: (EOC.05: The PHC monitors the reported data on the radiation safety program, and it takes actions to control or improve the process as appropriate, at least quarterly).
DAS.05 KW: Laboratory services planning and management	DAS.05 KW: Laboratory services planning and management	 Rephrasing of EOCs: (EOC.04: Regular competency assessment of staff is implemented and recorded in their files). (EOC.05: PHC has a process to ensure the safety and reliability of point-of-care testing results).

DAS.06 KW: Reagent management	DAS.06 KW: Reagent management	 Rephrasing of Standard statement: (The PHC has a process to manage reagents and other laboratory supplies). Modified EOCs: (EOC.02: An <u>updated</u> list of all reagents and supplies that are used for all testing processes). (EOC.04: Reagent quality is <u>evaluated</u> to <u>ensure</u> its <u>validity</u> before use.
DAS.07 KW: Technical Procedures	DAS.07 KW: Technical Procedures	 Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: The laboratory has a written procedure available to relevant staff for each analytical test method that addresses all elements mentioned in the intent from a) through e). (EOC.02:Laboratory staff are trained and updated about the technical laboratory procedure). (EOC.06: Internal and external quality control measures are performed and periodically
DAS.08 KW: Laboratory turnaround time.	DAS.08 KW: Laboratory turnaround time.	reviewed, and appropriate corrective action is taken). - Modified EOCs: • (EOC.01: The PHC has a process defining each laboratory test's total turnaround time and means of measuring it). • (EOC.03: Reference interval updated in the laboratory report at least annually). - Updated EOC: (EOC:4) by merging two EOCs (EOC.05 and EOC.06) in PHC 2021. - Added a new EOC: (EOC.05: Delays in turnaround time are notified to requestors/end-users).
DAS.09 KW: Laboratory safety program	DAS.09 KW: Laboratory safety program	 Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: A written updated program that describes safety measures for laboratory and laboratory services includes the items in the intent from a) through i).

	 (EOC.03: Staff are compliant with safety precautions according to the program).
	• (EOC.05 : The PHC monitors the reported data on the laboratory safety program and takes actions to control or improve the process as appropriate).
	 Rephrasing of EOC: (EOC.02: Laboratory staff are trained on the laboratory safety program).

SIP Summary of Changes

GAHAR PHC 2025	GAHAR PHC 2021	Details of changes
SIP.01 KW: Surgery and invasive procedure services	SIP.01 KW: Surgery and invasive procedure services	 Modified EOC: (EOC.01: All units providing surgery and invasive procedure services have appropriate spacing, ventilation, and infrastructure. Rephrasing of EOC: (EOC.03: All surgical and invasive procedure staff are qualified and competent.
SIP.02 KW: Assessment before surgery and invasive procedures	SIP.02 KW: Assessment before surgery and invasive procedures	 Rephrasing of Standard statement: (Complete medical and nursing assessment is performed before surgical and invasive procedures). Modified EOCS: (EOC.01 A complete medical assessment is performed for all patients going for any surgery or invasive procedure). (EOC.02 Complete nursing assessment is performed for all patients going for any surgery or invasive procedure). (EOC.03 Results of investigations are available for healthcare professionals before surgery or invasive procedure).
SIP.03 KW: Surgical site marking	SIP.03 KW: Surgical site marking	 Modified Standard statement: (The precise site where surgery or invasive procedure shall be performed is clearly marked by the physician, along with the patient and/or family involvement). Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC has an approved policy guiding the site marking process that includes at least elements from a) through g) mentioned in the intent). (EOC.02: Responsible staff are aware of the implementation of site marking). Updated EOC (EOC.04) by merging two EOCs (EOC.04 and EOC.05) in PHC edition 2021.
SIP.04 KW: Pre-operative checklist	SIP.04 KW: Pre-operative checklist	 Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC has an approved process for preoperative verification of all needed documents and equipment).

		 (EOC.02: Responsible staff are trained on the PHC process for preoperative verification). (EOC.03: Recorded evidence of preoperative verification of all needed documents and equipment before each surgery or invasive procedure exists. Updated EOC (EOC.04) by merging two EOCs (EOC.04 and EOC.05) in PHC edition 2021.
SIP.05 KW: Timeout	SIP.05 KW: Timeout	 Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC has an approved policy to ensure the correct patient, procedure, and body part before <u>surgical</u> or invasive procedures). (EOC.02: Time out is implemented before <u>surgery</u> or invasive procedure starts).

MMS Summary of Changes

GAHAR PHC 2025	GAHAR PHC 2021	Details of changes
MMS.01 KW: Medication management, Pharmacy and Therapeutic Committee (PTC).	MMS.01 KW: Medication management program	 Rephrasing of Standard statement: (Medications are managed and used in a way to meet patient's needs in alignment with the PHC scope of services and according to the applicable laws and regulations). Modified EOCs: (EOC.02: A licensed pharmacist supervises all medication management activities according to law and regulations).
MMS.02 KW: Antimicrobial stewardship program	MMS.02 KW: Antimicrobial stewardship program	 Modified Standard statement: (Antimicrobial stewardship program is developed and implemented to enhance the rational use of antimicrobial agents). Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC has an approved multidisciplinary antimicrobial stewardship program based on national and/or international protocols, guidelines, and regulations). (EOC.03: The antimicrobial stewardship program uses PHC-approved scientifically based protocols). Updated EOC: (EOC.04) by merging two EOCs (EOC.04 and EOC.05) in PHC edition 2021.
MMS.03 KW: Medication procurement, formulary, medication shortage	MMS.03 KW: Medication procurement, formulary	 Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC has an updated list of the approved medications (often referred to as a formulary), which includes at least items from a) to e) in the intent. (EOC.03:There is a process for overseeing medication use in the PHC to monitor, maintain, and update the medication list at least annually).
MMS.04 KW: <u>Medication</u> <u>storage,</u> medication labelling, <u>multiple</u> <u>dosing medication</u>	MMS.04 KW: Medication labelling	 Modified Standard statement: (Medications are stored in a manner to maintain their security and quality). Modified EOCs: (EOC.02:The PHC has an approved process for the use and storage of multi-

		 dose medications to ensure their stability and safety). (EOC.05: All medications, medication containers, and other solutions in the PHC are clearly <u>labeled</u> (if not clearly shown on the original package/box/container/ampoule/vial) in a standardized manner with at least the elements from <u>a</u>) to <u>f</u>) in <u>the intent</u>).
MMS.05 KW: <u>Life-supporting</u> medications	MMS.05 KW: Emergency medications	 Rephrasing of Standard statement to be: (Life-supporting medications are available, accessible, and secured at all times). Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC has an approved policy to guide life supporting medications availability that addresses at least all elements mentioned in the intent from a) through c). (EOC.02: Life-supporting medications are appropriately available and accessible when required. Rephrasing of EOCs: (EOC.03: Life-supporting medications are uniformly stored in all locations). (EOC.04: Life-supporting medications are replaced within a predefined timeframe when used, damaged, or outdated).
MMS.06 KW: High-risk medications	MMS.06 KW: High-risk medications, concentrated electrolytes	 Modified Standard statement: (High-risk medications are identified, stored, and dispensed in a way that assures the risk is minimized). Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC has an approved high-risk medication management policy that addresses elements <u>a) and b) in the intent).</u> (EOC.02: The PHC provides <u>training</u> to the healthcare professionals involved in the management and use of high-risk medications. (EOC.03: The PHC has an approved and annually updated list(s) of high-risk medications).

		 (EOC.04: The PHC implements process(es) to prevent inadvertent use of high-risk medications). (EOC.05: The PHC monitors the reported data on management of high-risk medications and takes actions to control or improve the process as appropriate).
MMS 07 KW: Look-alike and sound-alike medication	MMS.07 KW: Look-alike and sound-alike medication	 Modified Standard statement: (Look-alike and sound-alike medications are identified, stored, and dispensed in a way that assures that risk is minimized). Rephrasing of EOC: (EOC.01: The PHC has an approved policy for managing look-alike and sound-alike medications that addresses all elements in the standard intent from a) through d). Modified EOCs: (EOC.02: The PHC has an approved and annually updated list(s) of look-alike and sound-alike medications). (EOC.03: The PHC provides training to the healthcare professionals involved in the management and use of LASA). (EOC.04: The PHC implements process(es) to prevent inadvertent use of LASA medications). (EOC.05: The PHC monitors the reported data on the management of LASA and takes actions to control or improve the process as appropriate).
MMS.08 KW: Medication recall, expired medications, outdated medications.	MMS.08 KW: Drug recall, expired and outdated medication	 Modified Standard statement: (The PHC has a system in place for medication recall). Modified EOC: (EOC.01: The PHC has an approved policy to guide drug recall process that includes all elements from a) through d) in the intent). Rephrasing of EOCs: (EOC.03: Recalled medication(s) is/are retrieved, labeled, separated, and disposed of (or removed) according to the policy).

		 (EOC.04: Expired, outdated, damaged, and/or contaminated medications are stored separately and disposed or removed safely according to the PHC policy).
MMS.09 KW: Medication reconciliation, best possible medication history (BPMH)	MMS.10 KW: Best possible medication history	 Modified Standard statement: (Medications are reconciled across all interfaces of care in the PHC). Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC has an approved policy for obtaining best possible medication history that includes all elements mentioned in the intent from a) through d). (EOC.02: Staff responsible for reconciling medications are trained to take the best possible medication history (BPMH) and reconcile medications). (EOC.03: Medication prescriber identified by the PHC compares the list of current medications with the list of medications to be prescribed). Rephrasing of EOC: (EOC.04: Reconciled medications are clearly recorded, and related
MMS.10 KW: Medication	MMS.09 KW: Ordering,	 information is clearly communicated to healthcare professionals involved in the patient's medication prescribing). Modified Standard statement: (PHC Medication
ordering, medication prescribing	prescribing, transcribing, abbreviations, and symbols	 ordering and prescribing in the PHC are safe and follow laws and regulation). Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC has an approved policy to guide the processes of ordering and prescribing medications that addresses all elements mentioned in the intent from a) through g). (EOC.02: The PHC is responsible for identifying those healthcare professionals.
		 identifying those healthcare professionals permitted by law and regulation, qualification, training, experience, and job description to order medications). (EOC.03: Medication prescriptions are complete and include items from i) to xi) in element d) in the intent. (EOC.04: Refills of chronic medication occur according to PHC policy).
MMS.11	MMS.11 KW: Medication appropriateness	- Rephrasing of EOCs:

KW: Medication appropriateness review	review, competent pharmacist	 (EOC.01: The patient-specific information required for an effective review process and the source(s) of this information are always available and accessible). (EOC.02: Each prescription is reviewed for appropriateness by a licensed pharmacist prior to dispensing and the review process includes elements a) through h) in the intent). (EOC.03: When an on-site licensed pharmacist is not available, a trained healthcare professional is identified by the PHC to perform a review of critical elements f) through h) in the intent).
MMS.12 KW: Medication preparation, labelling of medications, medication dispensing, medication administration.	MMS.12 KW: Medication preparation, labelling of medications, dispensing, and administration	f) through h) in the intent). Rephrasing of Standard statement: (Medications are safely and accurately prepared, dispensed, and administered). Rephrasing of EOC: (EOC.03: The PHC has a uniform medication dispensing process). Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC identifies those healthcare professionals, by law and regulation, qualification, training, experience, and job description, authorized to prepare, dispense, and administer medications and admixtures, with or without supervision). (EOC.05: Medication administered is verified according to points from a) through j) in the intent and recorded in the patient's medical record. Added new EOCs: (EOC.04: Dispensed medication(s) is/are clearly labeled (electronically or manually through handwriting) with necessary medication-related use information). (EOC.06: Patient and/or family are provided with necessary information (verbal and/or written) about the proper use and handling of dispensed medication(s).
MMS.13 KW: Medication errors, near miss, medication therapy	MMS.13 KW: Medication errors, near miss, medication therapy	- No change.

problems, adverse drug effects/events. problems, adverse drug reactions

EFS Summary of Changes

GAHAR PHC 2025	GAHAR PHC 2021	Details of changes
EFS.01 KW: PHC environment and facility safety	KW: PHC environment and facility safety structure	 Modified Standard Statement: (PHC facilities comply with laws, regulations, and civil defence requirements). Modified EOC: (EOC.01: The PHC complies with laws, regulations, and civil defence requirements as required). Rephrasing of EOC: (EOC.02: The PHC leadership responds to external inspection reports within the required timeframe). Added new EOCs: (EOC.03: The PHC leadership works with the governing body to maintain the environment of care). (EOC.04: PHC leadership ensures the availability of current and updated work permits when required). (EOC.05: PHC leadership ensures that all environmental and facility safety plans are evaluated and updated annually with improvement when required).
EFS.02 KW: Environment and facility safety program monitoring	EFS.01 KW: PHC environment and facility safety structure	 New standard statement: (PHC environment and facility safety program is overseen and monitored by a trained staff). Added new EOCs: (EOC.02: The PHC ensures that multidisciplinary environment and facility surveillance rounds are performed across all PHC areas and services at least quarterly. And corrective actions are taken when indicated.) (EOC.03: There is a quarterly report submitted to the PHC leadership about the significant observations during the surveillance rounds and the corrective actions taken when needed.)
EFS.03 KW: Fire and smoke safety	EFS.02 KW: Fire and smoke safety	- Rephrasing of Standard Statement: (Fire and smoke safety plan addresses prevention, <u>alarm system response</u> , and safe evacuation in case of fire and/or other internal emergencies).

		 Modified EOC: (EOC.01: The PHC has an approved, <u>updated fire</u> and smoke safety plan that includes all elements from <u>a</u>) through <u>e</u>) in the intent). Added new EOCs: (EOC.02: All staff are trained on fire safety plans and can demonstrate their rules during fire or non-fire internal emergencies at least annually). (EOC.03: Fire risk assessment with risk mitigation measures are in place with corrective action when required). (EOC.04: The PHC fire alarm system is available, functioning, inspected, tested and maintained on a regular basis). (EOC.05: The PHC fire suppression system is available, functioning, inspected, tested and maintained on a regular basis). (EOC.06: Emergency exit doors and corridors are clearly signed and not
EFS.04 KW: Fire drills	EFS.02 KW: Fire and smoke safety	 New standard statement: (Fire drills are performed in different PHC areas). Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: Fire drills are performed at least quarterly, including one unannounced drill.) (EOC.02: All staff members participate in fire drills at least once annually.) (EOC.05: The PHC staff guarantee Safe evacuation of patients, staff and visitors.) Added new EOCs: (EOC.03 Fire drill results are recorded from a) through d) in the intent). (EOC.04: Fire drill results evaluation is performed after each drill and corrective action plan when indicated.)

EFS.05 KW: Smoking-Free Environment	EFS.03 KW: Smoking-free environment	 Rephrasing of Standard Statement: (The PHC clinical and non-clinical areas are smoking-free). Modified EOC: (EOC.03: Occupants, according to laws and regulations, do not smoke in all areas inside the buildings).
EFS.06 KW: Hazardous materials safety	EFS.04 KW: Hazardous materials and waste management	 Modified Standard Statement: (The PHC plans safe handling, storage, usage and transportation of hazardous materials and waste management). Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC has a hazardous material and waste management plan that addresses all elements from a) through k) in the intent). (EOC.03: The PHC ensures safe usage, handling, storage, availability of SDS and labelling of hazardous materials). Added new EOCs: (EOC.02: Staff is trained on hazards material and waste management). (EOC.04: The PHC ensures safe handling, storage, and labelling of waste according to laws and regulations).
EFS.07 KW: Safety Management Plan	EFS.05 KW: Safety management plan	 Modified Standard Statement: (A safe work environment plan addresses high-risk areas, procedures, risk mitigation requirements, tools, and responsibilities). Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC has an approved and updated plan to ensure a safe work environment that includes all elements from a) through g) in the intent). (EOC.02: Staff are trained on safety measures based on their jobs). (EOC.04: Safety measures and PPEs are available and used whenever indicated). Added a new EOC: (EOC.03: Risk mitigation is conducted based on risk assessment).

EFS.08 KW: <u>Pre-Construction</u> risk assessment	IPC.09 KW: Demolition, renovation, construction	 Modified Standard Statement: (The PHC performs a pre-construction risk assessment when planning for construction or renovation). Added a new EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC performs a preconstruction risk assessment before any construction or renovation). (EOC.02: All affected services are involved in the risk assessment). (EOC.04: If a contractor is used, contractor's compliance is monitored and evaluated by the PHC).
EFS.09 KW: Security Plan	EFS.06 KW: Security plan	 Modified Standard Statement: (Security plan addresses the security of all occupants and properties). Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC has an approved updated security plan that includes items a) through !) in the intent). (EOC.02: All staff are trained on the security plan). Added new EOCs: (EOC.03: Risk mitigation is conducted based on risk assessment). (EOC.04: Staff and vendors/ contractors' identification is implemented). (EOC.06: Drill for child abduction at least bi-annually). Rephrasing of EOC: (EOC.05: Occupants are protected from harm at all times).
EFS.10 KW: Medical Equipment Plan	EFS.07 KW: Medical equipment management plan	 Rephrasing for Standard Statement: (Medical equipment plan ensures selection, inspection, testing, maintenance, and safe use of medical equipment). Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC has an approved updated medical equipment management plan that addresses all elements from <u>a)</u> through <u>k)</u> in the <u>intent)</u>.

EFS.11 KW: Utilities Management Plan	EFS.08 KW: Utilities management plan	 (EOC.02: The PHC has a qualified individual to oversee medical equipment management). Added a new EOC: (EOC.06: Equipment adverse incidents are reported, and actions are taken. Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: PHC has an approved updated plan for utility management that includes items <u>a)</u> through <u>j)</u> in the <u>intent).</u> (EOC.02: Staff are trained to oversee utility management).
EFS.12 KW: Disaster Plan	EFS.09 KW: Disaster plan	 Rephrasing of Standard Statement (Emergency preparedness plan addresses responding to disasters that have the potential of occurring within the geographical area of the PHC). Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: There is an approved PHC emergency preparedness plan that includes items a) through g) in the intent). (EOC.02: Staff members are trained on the plan). (EOC.03: The PHC performs at least one drill biannually that includes items from (i) through (v) in the intent). (EOC.04: The PHC demonstrates preparedness for identified emergencies based on risk assessment.)
EFS.13 KW: <u>Environmental</u> <u>Sustainability, Green</u> <u>Healthcare</u>		- New Standard.

IPC Summary of Changes

GAHAR PHC 2025	GAHAR PHC 2021	Details of changes
IPC.01 KW: Infection prevention and control (IPC) team	IPC.01 KW: IPC team, IPC committee	 Modified Standard Statement: (An Assigned team of healthcare professionals oversees the infection prevention and control activities according to applicable laws and regulations and national and international guidelines). Modified EOC: (EOC.02: The IPC team leader is a trained healthcare professional). Added new EOC: (EOC.03: The IPC team members are trained). Rephrasing of EOC: (EOC.01: There is a responsible IPC team) (EOC.04: The IPC team member(s) has the ability to communicate with the PHC leaders and all functioning units).
IPC.02 KW: IPC program, risk assessment, guidelines	IPC.02 KW: IPC program, risk assessment, guidelines	 Added a new EOC: (EOC.01: PHC has an infection control program that addresses all the elements mentioned in the intent from a) through h). (EOC.02: The healthcare professionals involved in infection control are aware of the contents of the program). Modified EOC: (EOC.04: The program is implemented in all PHC areas and covers patients, visitors, and staff).
IPC.03 KW: IPC committee, meetings	IPC.01 KW: IPC team, IPC committee	Modified Standard Statement: (The PHC establishes a functioning multidisciplinary IPC committee according to laws and regulations). Modified EOCs: • (EOC.01: There are clear terms of reference for the infection control committee that includes at least from a) through d) in the intent). • (EOC.03: The committee meets on a regular basis).
IPC.04 KW: Hand hygiene	IPC.03 KW: Hand hygiene	 Added a new EOC: (EOC.01: The PHC has a Hand hygiene policy, and procedures based on current guidelines that address all

		 the elements mentioned in the intent from a) through f). Modified EOC: (EOC.02: Related staff is trained on the policy and procedures). (EOC.03: Hand hygiene is implemented according to the policy). Updated EOC (EOC.06) by merging two EOCs (EOC.05 and EOC.06) in PHC edition 2021.
IPC.05 KW: Standard precaution measures	IPC.04 KW: Standard precaution measures	 Added a new EOC: (EOC.06:_Related staff receive training on the standard precaution measures).
IPC.06 KW: Suspected communicable disease	IPC.05 KW: Suspected communicable disease	- No change.
IPC.07 KW: Disinfection, sterilization	IPC.06 Disinfection, sterilization	 Modified EOC: (EOC.02: Responsible staff is trained on approved policy).
IPC.08 KW: Disinfection/sterilization quality control program	IPC.07 KW: Disinfection/sterilization quality control program	- No change.
IPC.09 KW: Laundry service, textile	IPC.08 KW: Laundry service, textile	 Rephrasing of EOCs: (EOC.02: Responsible staff is aware of the laundry service policy). (EOC.03: Contaminated textile is collected, stored, and transported according to the laundry service and healthcare textile management policy).

OGM Summary of Changes

GAHAR PHC 2025	GAHAR PHC 2021	Details of changes
OGM.01 KW: Governing body structure and responsibilities	OGM.01 KW: Governance structure	 Modified Standard statement: (The PHC has a defined governing body structure, responsibilities, and accountabilities). Modified EOC: (EOC.04The governing body has defined its responsibilities and accountabilities towards the PHC's principal stakeholders as mentioned in the intent from a) to f) and has a process for resource allocation that includes clear criteria for selection and prioritization).
OGM.02	OGM.02	- Modified Standard statement: (A full-time
KW: PHC director	KW: PHC management	 qualified director is appointed by the governing body to manage the PHC according to applicable laws and regulations). Modified EOC: (EOC.02: There is a job description for the PHC director covering the standard requirements from a) through i) as in the intent). (EOC.04: The PHC ensures process of coordination and communication through established committees with defined terms of references, documented minutes, and annual reviews). Added new EOCs: (EOC.05: The governing body receives a periodic report from the PHC leadership about quality, patient safety, and performance measures at least annually). (EOC.06: There is evidence of delegation of authority when needed).
OGM.03 KW: Clinical governance program.		- <u>New Standard.</u>
OGM.04 KW: PHC leaders	OGM.03 KW: PHC leaders	 Modified EOCs: (EOC.02: The responsibilities of the PHC leaders include at least <u>a</u>) through <u>d</u>) in the <u>intent</u>). (EOC.03: PHC leaders are aware of and perform their responsibilities).
OGM.05 KW: Strategic Planning	OGM.04 KW: Strategic Planning	 Rephrasing of EOC: (EOC.01: The PHC has a strategic plan with goals and defined objectives).

		 Modified EOC: (EOC.03: The strategic plan is reviewed annually).
OGM.06 KW: Operational Planning	OGM.05 KW: Operational Planning	 Rephrasing of Standard statement: (Operational plans are developed to achieve the strategic plan goals and objectives). Rephrasing of EOC: (EOC.02: Staff is involved in developing the related operational plans). (EOC.04: Leaders evaluate the operational plans annually, with inputs considered for a new cycle of planning. Modified EOC: (EOC.03: Operational plans progress/analysis reports are done quarterly).
OGM.07 KW: Stock management	OGM.06 KW: Stock management	- No change.
OGM.08 KW: Billing system	OGM.07 KW: Billing system	- No change.
OGM.09	OGM.08	- Rephrasing of EOC: (EOC.02: There is a list
KW: Contract	KW: Contract	of all contracted services, including provided
management	management	services.
OGM.10 KW: Ethical management	OGM.09 KW: Ethical management	 Modified EOC: (EOC.01: The PHC has an approved policy for ethical management that addresses at least <u>a</u>) to <u>g</u>) in the <u>intent</u>). (EOC.03: Ethical issues are discussed and managed according to the approved code of ethics and <u>resolved</u> <u>within a defined time frame.</u>
OGM.11 KW: Positive Workplace Culture	OGM.10 KW: Positive Workplace Culture	- No change.
OGM.12	OGM.11	- No change.
KW: Staff rest areas	KW: Staff working conditions	_
OGM.13 KW: Staff health	OGM.12 KW: Staff health	 Modified EOC: (EOC.01: There is a staff health program according to laws and regulations that cover items <u>a</u>) to <u>k</u>) in the intent). (EOC.03: Staff members are educated about the risks within the PHC environment, their specific jobrelated hazards, positive health

promotion strategies, and periodic medical examinations).

CAI Summary of Changes

GAHAR PHC 2025	GAHAR PHC 2021	Details of changes
CAI.01 KW: Community profile	CAI.01 KW: Community profile	- No change.
CAI.02 KW: Planning for community involvement	KW: Planning for community involvement	 Modified Standard Statement: (The PHC establishes a community involvement program). Modified EOC: (EOC.01: There is a program for community involvement that covers all components from a) through g) in the intent). (EOC.03: There is evidence that health needs assessment and improvement activities are done in collaboration with community members).
CAI.03 KW: PHC advertisement	PCC.01 KW: PHC advertisement	- No change.
CAI.04 KW: Health education	CAI.03 KW: Health education	 Rephrasing of EOCs: (EOC.02: Responsible staff member for providing community health education is competent). (EOC.05: All activities of health education program are recorded).
CAI.05 KW: Proper nutrition	CAI.04 KW: Proper nutrition	 Modified EOC: (EOC.01: The PHC has a structured nutrition promotion program that covers all items mentioned in the intent from a) through g). Rephrasing of EOC: (EOC.05: The program outcomes are evaluated).
CAI.06 KW: Surveillance and reporting	CAI.05 KW: Surveillance and reporting	- Modified EOC: • (EOC.02: Responsible Staff is aware of the list of communicable diseases and trained on their detection). - Rephrasing of EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC has a policy of surveillance of communicable and endemic diseases that covers all elements in the intent from a) through e). • (EOC.03: Responsible staff is trained in outbreaks management protocols).

CAI.07 KW: Safe water supply	CAI.06 KW: Safe water supply	- No change.
CAI.08 KW: Community involvement program evaluation	CAI.07 KW: Community involvement program evaluation	- No change.

WFM Summary of Changes

GAHAR PHC 2025	GAHAR PHC 2021	Details of changes
WFM.01	WFM.01	- No change.
KW: Staffing plan	KW: Staffing plan	
WFM.02	WFM.02	- No change.
KW: Job description WFM.03 KW: Recruitment	KW: Job description WFM.03 KW: Recruitment	 Rephrasing of Standard statement: (The PHC implements a uniform recruitment process with the participation of service/unit leaders). Rephrasing of EOC: (EOC.02: Staff involved in the
		recruitment process are aware of the PHC policy).
WFM.04 KW: Staff files	WFM.04 KW: Staff files	 Rephrasing of EOC: (EOC.04: Staff files include all the required records, including from <u>i</u>) through <u>viii</u>), as mentioned in the <u>intent</u>).
WFM.05 KW: Orientation program	WFM.05 KW: Orientation program	 Rephrasing of Standard statement: (All PHC staff undergo a formal orientation program). Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: The general orientation program is performed, and it includes at least the elements from a) through e) in the intent. (EOC.03: Job specific orientation program is performed, and it includes at least the elements from i) through l) in the intent. (EOC.04: All new staff members, including contracted and outsourced staff, attend the orientation program regardless of employment terms.
WFM.06 KW: Continuous education program	WFM.06 KW: Continuous education program	- No change.
WFM.07 KW: Staff performance evaluation	WFM.07 KW: Staff performance evaluation	 Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: Performance and competency evaluation is performed at least annually for each staff member.) (EOC.02: Performance and competency evaluation is performed based on the job description and kept in staffiles.) (EOC.03: There is evidence of employee feedback on performance and competency evaluation).
WFM.08 KW: Clinical Privileges	WFM.08 KW: Clinical Privileges	 Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC has an approved policy that addresses at least all elements from <u>a</u>) through <u>g</u>) in <u>the intent</u>).

IMT Summary of Changes

GAHAR PHC 2025	GAHAR PHC 2021	Details of changes
IMT.01 KW: <u>Information</u> management plan	IMT.01 KW: Information management planning	 Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC leadership performs information needs assessment). (EOC.02 The PHC has an approved information management plan that includes items from <u>a</u>) through <u>f</u>) in the <u>intent.</u>
IMT.02 KW <u>: Document control</u> system	IMT.02 KW: Quality management system documents	 Rephrasing of standard statement to be: (The PHC establishes a document control system for its key functions). Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC has a policy that addresses items from a) through g) in the intent.
IMT.03 KW: <u>Use of symbols, and abbreviations</u>	IMT.03 KW: Use of codes, symbols, and abbreviations	 Modified Standard statement: (The PHC defines standardized symbols and abbreviations). Modified EOCs: (EOC.02: All staff who record in the patient's medical record are trained on the policy requirements). (EOC.03: Symbols and abbreviations, including the approved list, are used according to the policy. (EOC.04: Violations of the list of not-to-use symbols/abbreviations are monitored, and corrective actions are taken).
IMT.04 KW: <u>Confidentiality and</u> <u>security of data</u>	IMT.04 KW: Confidentiality and security of data and information	 Modified Standard statement: (The PHC maintains data and information confidentiality and security). Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC has a confidentiality and security of data and information policy that includes all the points in the intent from a) through f).
IMT.05 KW: Integrity of data and information IMT.06	IMT.05 KW: Integrity of data and information IMT.06	No change.No change.
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KW: Retention of data and information	KW: Retention of data and information	
IMT.07 KW: <u>Medical record</u> <u>management</u>	IMT.07 KW: Patient's medical record management	 Rephrasing of standard statement: (The patient's medical record is managed to ensure effective patient care).
IMT.08 KW: <u>Patient's medical</u> record usage.	IMT.08 KW: Patient's medical usage process	 Rephrasing of standard statement: (The PHC ensures effective usage of patients' medical records). Modified EOCs: (EOC.02: The responsible staff is aware of the policy).
IMT.09 KW: Medical record review process	IMT.09 KW: Patient's medical review process.	 Modified standard statement: (The PHC establishes the patient's medical record review process).
IMT.10 KW: Health information technology evaluation	IMT.10 KW: Health information technology evaluation	 Modified standard statement: (Health information technology systems are assessed and tested before implementation). Modified EOC: (EOC.04: Corrective actions are taken when defective issues are detected).
IMT.11 KW: Downtime of data systems	IMT.11 KW: Downtime of data systems	- No change.
IMT.12 KW: Data back-up	IMT.12 KW: Data back-up	- No change.

QPI Summary of Changes

GAHAR PHC 2025	GAHAR PHC 2021	Details of changes
QPI.01 KW: <u>Quality improvement</u> <u>plan</u>	QPI.01 KW: Quality committee(s) QPI.02 KW: Quality plan QPI.03 KW: Quality management team	 Updated Standard (QPI.01) by merging 3 standards (QPI.01, QPI.02 and QPI.03) in PHC edition 2021.
QPI.02 KW: Performance measures	QPI.04 KW: Performance measures	 Rephrasing of EOCs: (EOC.03: PHC leaders make appropriate decisions based on reported performance measures). EOC.04: Performance measures are reported to external authorities as required. Updated EOC (EOC.02) by merging two EOCs (EOC.02, EOC.03 in PHC edition 2021. Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: PHC selects appropriate performance measures according to its scope of services).
QPI.03 KW: Data collection, review, aggregation, and analysis	QPI.05 KW: Data review, aggregation, and analysis	 Modified EOC: (EOC.01: There is a written process of data management that includes items from (a) to (c) in the intent). Rephrasing of EOC:(EOC.02: Staff members assigned for data management are aware of their roles).
QPI.04 KW: Data validation	QPI.06 KW: Data validation	- No change.
QPI.05 KW: Risk management program	QPI.07 KW: Risk management program	 Modified EOCs: (EOC.01: The PHC has a risk management plan/ program that includes the elements from a) to i) in the intent). Added a new EOCs: (EOC.02: Actions are taken according to the results of risk assessment). (EOC.03: Results of risk management activities are communicated to the governing body at least quarterly). (EOC.04: The risk management plan and the risk register are evaluated and

		updated at least annually or when indicated).
QPI.06 KW: Incident reporting system	QPI.08 KW: Incident reporting system	 Updated EOC (EOC.03) by merging two EOCs (EOC.03 and EOC.05) in PHC edition 2021. Modified EOC: (EOC.04: The PHC communicates with patient's/services users on any related adverse events they are affected by and provides both immediate and ongoing assistance). Added a new EOC: (EOC.05: The PHC provides emotional, psychological, and professional support to staff affected by adverse events).
QPI.07 KW: Sentinel events	QPI.10 KW: Sentinel events	 Modified EOC: (EOC.03: All sentinel events are communicated to GAHAR within 48 hours of the event or becoming aware of the event).
QPI.08 KW: Sustained improvement activities	QPI.11 KW: Sustained improvement activities	 Added a new EOC: (EOC.04: Improvements projects are monitored and sustained).