

Health Care Credentialing: A Guide to Innovative Practices

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The field of health care credentialing is changing at a rapid pace. Contemporary credentialing practices reflect a major change in policy and practical application, and credentialing in case law continues to evolve. *Health Care Credentialing: A Guide to Innovative Practices* offers fresh strategies to address the changes in the field from three important perspectives: medical staff services, health care law, and health care risk management. From discussion of major Joint Commission changes to breakthrough changes driven by patient safety concerns, consumers, and pay-for-performance programs, *Health Care Credentialing* provides readers with useful insights. The Guide also discusses such new concepts as board credentialing, team credentialing, and office-based surgery credentialing and offers tools to help fashion solutions for the future. Annual updates keep subscribers up to date with changes in this field.

Highlights of the 2010 Supplement

The following new developments and issues are included in the 2010 Supplement:

- Discussion of the following cases:
 - Fleming v. Yuma Regional Medical Center*
 - Straznicki v. Desert Springs Hospital*
 - Sternberg v. Nanticoke Memorial Hospital*
- How the Joint Commission's changes to leadership and medical staff bylaws standards affect organizations
- New section on the influence of DNV (NIAHOSM) as a new accreditation source
- Changes to the two-year cycle process of evaluation
- New subsection on Section 1921 enhancements to the National Practitioner Data Bank
- The impact of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 on credentialing and the National Practitioner Data Bank
- New subsection on the ADA Amendments Act of 2008
- New subsection on the influence of comparative effectiveness on credentialing
- New section on residency and fellowship credentialing
- Computer literacy as a key component of written competencies
- New section on the importance of action as it relates to behavioral issues, including discussion of the Fort Hood shooting incident
- New section on peer reviewer credentialing

- New appendices:
 - Fact Sheet: An Overview of PDS Prototype
 - Final Rule for Section 1921
 - Sample Peer Reviewer Credentialing Tool
 - Memorandum Report: Adverse Events in Hospitals, OEI-06-09-00360
 - Protecting the Force: Lessons from Ft. Hood, Independent Review Board Report, January 2010

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