

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**SUBJECT:** CREDENTIALING POLICY**POLICY NO.** 310.3

PURPOSE:: To outline the Department of Health Services (DHS) process for appointment and reappointment of medical staff by granting authorization to a licensed independent practitioner to provide patient care and treatment services within the hospital or any hospital sponsored ambulatory facility, within defined limits, based upon the independent practitioner's license, education, training, experience, competence, health status, and judgment.

POLICY:: Applicants for appointment/reappointment will be processed in accordance with the provisions of each DHS facility's Medical Staff Bylaws and the specific requirements set forth in this policy. All applicants must adhere to the credentialing procedures. Failure to do so will result in denial of privileges and inability to practice in any DHS facility.

Each facility's Credentialing Committee will provide a comprehensive review and evaluation for physician appointment, reappointment/recredentialing and continuous credentialing by verification, update, and maintenance of physician credential data. The Credentialing Committee will make recommendations regarding credentialing and privileging decisions and forward recommendations to the Medical Executive Committee, which will review, modify/amend as indicated, and forward the final recommendations to the Governing Body. The Governing Body will review the recommendations and accept or reject each appointment/reappointment individually.

VERIFICATION:: Verification of completed applications shall follow Federal and State Law, and local Professional/Medical Staff Association/Facility Bylaws.

AUTHORITY:: Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
Medical Staff Bylaws
National Committee on Quality Assurance
Professional Staff Association Bylaws

EFFECTIVE DATE: Feb 15, 2002

SUPERCEDES:

APPROVED: Signature on File
