

JOINT COMMISSION ACCREDITATION

Achieving accreditation is possible!

Preparation for Joint Commission is a collaborative, interdisciplinary effort that will span several months. The goal is to build sustainable compliance incrementally over time; to have a successful survey and then maintain compliance. Achieving accreditation requires much work on the part of the Administrator and department heads and a high level of commitment and discipline. All departments have an important role in survey preparation. However, the greatest demand will be placed on Nursing, Maintenance, Human Resources (including the Credentialing Coordinator), and Staff Development/Infection Control. The demand on other departments is generally less intense but includes a review of compliance status with all applicable standards.

One note of caution: Do not assume that you are ready for a Joint Commission survey if you've done well on your annual state inspections. This is a common misconception. There are many Joint Commission standards that do not directly crosswalk to Medicare Conditions of Participation.

The initial survey is announced. Subsequent surveys are conducted every three years and are unannounced.

For more information read Joint Commission's Nursing Care Center Overview Guide at:

https://www.jointcommission.org/assets/1/6/NCC_Overview_Guide.pdf

ABOUT US

Alliance Consulting Services of Florida, Inc. has been successfully helping organizations achieve Joint Commission accreditation since 1995. We have a 100% pass rate. Our usual approach to this project includes the following:

- Account set-up and completion of the Joint Commission application
- Comprehensive initial assessment of compliance with applicable standards
- Establishment of a realistic and achievable timeline for survey readiness
- Interpretation of all applicable Joint Commission standards; including prioritization and delegation of tasks by department
- Customized strategies, materials and education for management staff and key personnel
- Monitor compliance and provide ongoing support, including staff education, responding to questions and concerns, and troubleshooting challenges that arise
- Provision of JC-compliant policies or new policy manuals and forms, as needed
- Attendance at the survey
- Completion of Evidence of Standards Compliance report post-survey to Joint Commission
- Ongoing support post-survey, as needed.

GETTING STARTED

- Call Alliance Consulting Services of FL, Inc. at **772 631 3707** for an initial, free phone consultation
- Call Joint Commission at **630-792-5020** to set up your account
- Complete the Joint Commission application and pay deposit
- Introduce the scope of the project to department heads, establish a timeline and set expectations for devoting time to the project on a weekly basis until full compliance is achieved
- Distribute standards to department heads
- Identify vulnerabilities or areas of non-compliance and address those areas which will be the most challenging to resolve first
- Monitor progress on a weekly basis

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