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**APPLICABLE TO THE CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL ACCREDITATION PROGRAM**

**Effective Immediately**

**Medical Staff (MS) Chapter**

**MS.06.01.05**

The decision to grant or deny a privilege(s), and/or to renew an existing privilege(s), is an objective, evidence-based process.

**Element(s) of Performance for MS.06.01.05**

6. An applicant submits a statement that no health problems exist that could affect their ability to perform the privileges requested.

   Note: The applicant’s ability to perform privileges requested must be evaluated. This evaluation is documented in the individual’s credentials file. Such documentation may include the applicant’s statement that no health problems exist that could affect their practice. Documentation regarding an applicant’s health status and their ability to practice should be confirmed. Initial applicants may have their health status confirmed by the director of a training program, the chief of services, or the chief of staff at another hospital or critical access hospital at which the applicant holds privileges, or by a currently licensed doctor of medicine or osteopathy approved by the medical staff. In instances where there is doubt about an applicant’s ability to perform privileges requested, an evaluation by an external and internal source may be required. The request for an evaluation rests with the organized medical staff.

6. An applicant submits a statement that no health problems exist that could affect their ability to perform the privileges requested.

**Key:** ③ indicates that documentation is required; ④ indicates an identified risk area;