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**Human Resources (HR) Chapter**

**HR.02.01.04**

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**Element(s) of Performance for HR.02.01.04**

Key: [D] indicates that documentation is required; [R] indicates an identified risk area;
5. At least every two years, before permitting licensed independent practitioners to continue to provide care, treatment, and services, the organization does the following:
- Documents current licensure and any disciplinary actions against the license available through the primary source.
- Obtains and documents information from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB). The medical director evaluates this information.
- Reviews any clinical performance in the organization that is outside acceptable standards. The medical director evaluates this information.
- Reviews information from any of the organization’s performance improvement activities pertaining to professional performance, judgment, and clinical or technical skills. The medical director evaluates this information.
- Confirms the licensed independent practitioner’s adherence to organization policies, procedures, rules, and regulations.

5. At least every three years or within the period required by law and regulation if shorter, before permitting licensed practitioners to continue to provide care, treatment, and services, the organization does the following:
- Documents current licensure and any disciplinary actions against the license available through the primary source.
- Obtains and documents information from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB). The medical director evaluates this information.
- Reviews any clinical performance in the organization that is outside acceptable standards. The medical director evaluates this information.
- Reviews information from any of the organization’s performance improvement activities pertaining to professional performance, judgment, and clinical or technical skills. The medical director evaluates this information.
- Confirms the licensed practitioner’s adherence to organization policies, procedures, rules, and regulations.

12. The organization grants a licensed independent practitioner permission to provide care, treatment, and services for no longer than a two-year period.

12. The organization grants a licensed practitioner permission to provide care, treatment, and services for three years or for the period required by law and regulation if shorter.