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Human Resources Chapter

HR.02.01.03

The organization grants initial, renewed, or revised clinical privileges to individuals who are permitted by law and the organization to practice independently.

Elements of Performance for HR.02.01.03

35. Before granting initial or revised privileges to physicians responsible for interpreting sleep studies, the organization verifies that they have at least one of the following qualifications:
   - Certification in Sleep Medicine by the American Board of Sleep Medicine (ABSM) or by a member board of either the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA)
   - A completed fellowship in sleep medicine through an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)-accredited program. Following the completed fellowship, certification in sleep medicine is completed within two examination cycles through the American Board of Sleep Medicine (ABSM) or a member board of either the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA).