Health Center Credentialing and Medicaid Enrollment Strategy

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What to have ready

Each item below ties to Chapter 5 of the HRSA Health Center Program Compliance Manual (read October 2, 2026; no revision date shown) or to the federal regulation named.

- Your current credentialing and privileging operating procedures, for the "initial and recurring review" of credentials Chapter 5 calls for (HRSA, Chapter 5 [https://bphc.hrsa.gov/compliance/compliance-manual/chapter5]).
- A roster of clinical staff by category (LIPs, OLCPs and other clinical staff) and by status (employee, individual contractor or volunteer), the categories Chapter 5 names (HRSA, Chapter 5 [https://bphc.hrsa.gov/compliance/compliance-manual/chapter5]).
- Sample credentialing files showing primary-source verification of "Current licensure, registration, or certification" (HRSA, Chapter 5 [https://bphc.hrsa.gov/compliance/compliance-manual/chapter5]).
- Records of NPDB queries for the same sample, since Chapter 5 lists "Completion of a query through the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB)" (HRSA, Chapter 5 [https://bphc.hrsa.gov/compliance/compliance-manual/chapter5]).
- Your privileging forms and the peer review or supervisory performance reviews used to renew privileges (HRSA, Chapter 5 [https://bphc.hrsa.gov/compliance/compliance-manual/chapter5]).
- Any contract with a CVO, and the document that names who holds approval authority for credentialing and privileging (HRSA, Chapter 5 [https://bphc.hrsa.gov/compliance/compliance-manual/chapter5]).
- A list of ordering and referring clinicians and their Medicaid enrollment status (42 CFR 455.410(b) [https://www.ecfr.gov/api/renderer/v1/content/enhanced/current/title-42?part=455&section=455.410]).
- Your state's uniform credentialing and recredentialing policy for Medicaid managed care, if your state publishes one (42 CFR 438.214(b)(1) [https://www.ecfr.gov/api/renderer/v1/content/enhanced/current/title-42?part=438&section=438.214]).
- Each Medicaid managed care plan's credentialing requirements from your contracts, which the plans implement under 42 CFR 438.214 (42 CFR 438.214 [https://www.ecfr.gov/api/renderer/v1/content/enhanced/current/title-42?part=438&section=438.214]).