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# LICENSING, CERTIFICATION & ACCREDITATION

Hall Render attorneys routinely represent hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, hospices, diagnostic facilities, pharmacies and professional medical services agencies in licensing and accreditation matters. We help our clients obtain and maintain Medicare certification and prepare for The Joint Commission ("TJC") and Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program ("HFAP") surveys and reviews. In 2008, CMS approved DNV Healthcare ("DNV") as a "deeming authority" for hospitals. This means hospitals and critical access hospitals accredited by DNV are deemed to meet or exceed the applicable Medicare conditions of participation ("CoPs") and are eligible to receive payment from Medicare for the provision of hospital services to Medicare beneficiaries. DNV's unique accreditation program focuses on continuous quality improvement and integrates the Medicare CoPs with ISO 9001 quality management standards. Our attorneys are acquainted with this newest hospital accreditation program, and the firm is committed to supporting attorneys wishing to obtain certification as DNV quality surveyors.

Hall Render attorneys are very familiar with state licensing statutes and rules, the CoPs and interpretive guidelines and the various accreditation agencies' standards. We are able to interpret the various governing laws and accreditation standards and can fashion compliant policies, procedures and operations to maintain our clients' certification, licensure and accreditation. We are happy to consult with the various licensing and accreditation agencies' staff members to work through complex or perplexing issues affecting our clients. We have counseled clients through contesting proposed revocations, denials or deficiencies upon initial survey or resurvey. We can assist in developing an acceptable plan of correction for cited deficiencies and can provide ongoing advice concerning compliance with certification and accreditation standards.

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- American Osteopathic Association Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (AOA HFAP)
- DNV Healthcare, Inc. (DNV)
- Survey and Certification
- The Joint Commission (TJC)

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