

Compliance Education Available for Independent Providers

Providence values and understands the importance of physicians and practitioners in the communities we serve. We have a mutual desire to protect patients and their very personal information whether care is provided in the hospital, or at a local doctor's office.

Understanding the complex regulatory environment we live in is imperative to safeguarding patient information. To set the tone for an ethical climate in a personal practice, physicians are encouraged to base their expectations of staff on applicable laws and regulations and acknowledge the importance of having a culture of ethics and compliance.

Providence has developed educational tools to help physicians understand how to protect themselves and their practice from some of the most significant business risks, including information security, privacy of patient information and compliance in a health care setting.

Why it is important: The Office of Inspector General's guidance for health care organizations states, "The proper education and training of corporate officers, managers, and health care professionals, and the continual retraining of current personnel at all levels, are critical elements of an effective compliance program."

Education tools

We created the following tools to assist our physicians and other practitioners in educating themselves and their staff:

- A 30-minute online education module
- PowerPoint of the education available to print or save to the desktop.

The online education module can be accessed directly [HERE](#). The module and PowerPoint version are available on the Providence Integrity and Compliance website at <http://providence.org/integrity> under *Medical Staff Member Information*.

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