

Privileging For Critical Patient Care Need

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Policy:

The Joint Commission allows hospitals to grant temporary privileges for an important patient care need, based on verification of

- current license
- current competence
- confirmation of insurance
- OIG/GSA
- NPDB

This policy does not exist for purposes of expediting routine credentialing.

PHC Urban Bylaws state that temporary privileges ‘may be granted when an important patient care need exists, which no currently credentialed staff member can meet. In this instance, licensure, training, and competency must be verified. These temporary privileges will be time and/or patient specific according to the need.’

Process:

The Senior Leadership Team as a group will determine when such an emergency situation exists. This will be provided in writing to the Medical Staff Office, Credentials Committee Chair, and MEC President (or their designees), two of whom must endorse the request.

Urgent privileges may then be granted not to exceed three weeks.

A complete application must be received from the recipient of the temporary privileges prior to the granting of these privileges, as this information, included the necessary release form, is required to confirm current competence.