

HEALTH UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT v7.4

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REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

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OVERSIGHT OF DELEGATED FUNCTIONS

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CORE 9: Delegation Management

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CORE 12: Client Satisfaction

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

CORE 13: Information Management

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CORE 15: Information Confidentiality and Security

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CORE 23: Quality Improvement Project Requirements

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CORE 25: Job Descriptions

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STAFF MANAGEMENT

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CORE 29: Staff Assessment Program

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CORE 33: Financial Incentive Policy

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HUM 1: Review Criteria Requirements

ACCESSIBILITY OF REVIEW SERVICES

- HUM 2: Access to Review Staff
- HUM 3: Review Service Communication and Time Frames
- HUM 4: Review Service Disclosures

ON-SITE REVIEW SERVICES

- HUM 5: On-Site Review Requirements
- HUM 6: N/A

INITIAL SCREENING

- HUM 7: Limitations in Use of Non-Clinical Staff
- HUM 8: Pre-Review Screening Staff Oversight
- HUM 9: Preview-Review Screening Non-Certifications

INITIAL CLINICAL REVIEW

- HUM 10: Initial Clinical Reviewer Qualifications
- HUM 11: Initial Clinical Reviewer Resources
- HUM 12: Initial Clinical Reviewer Non-Certifications

PEER CLINICAL REVIEW

- HUM 13: Peer Clinical Review Cases
- HUM 14: Peer Clinical Reviewer Qualifications
- HUM 15: Drug Utilization Management Reviewer Qualifications
- HUM 16: Prospective, Concurrent and Retrospective Drug Utilization Management

PEER-TO-PEER CONVERSATION

- HUM 17: Peer-to-Peer Conversation Availability
- HUM 18: Peer-to-Peer Conversation Alternate

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- HUM 19: Prospective Review Time Frames
- HUM 20: Retrospective Review Time Frames
- HUM 21: Concurrent Review Time Frames

NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION DECISIONS

- HUM 22: Certification Decision Notice and Tracking
- HUM 23: Continued Certification Decision Requirements

NOTICE OF NON-CERTIFICATION DECISIONS

- HUM 24: Written Notice of Non-Certification Decisions and Rationale
- HUM 25: Clinical Rationale for Non-Certification Requirements

UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT POLICY

- HUM 26: Prospective Review Patient Safety
- HUM 27: Reversal of Certification Determinations
- HUM 28: Frequency of Continued Reviews

INFORMATION UPON WHICH UM IS CONDUCTED

- HUM 29: Scope of Review Information
- HUM 30: Prospective and Concurrent Review Determinations
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- HUM 32: Lack of Information Policy and Procedures

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- HUM 33: Non-Certification Appeals Process
- HUM 34: Appeals Process
- HUM 35: Appeal Peer Reviewer Qualifications
- HUM 36: Drug Utilization Management Appeals: Reviewer Qualifications
- HUM 37: Reviewer Attestation Regarding Credentials and Knowledge
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Re: New Regulatory Compliance Standard

Dear URAC Prospects and Clients,

As the nation's leading health care accreditor, URAC values patient care and safety first. When we discover an improvement opportunity that could enhance patient safety within our standards, we work quickly to incorporate the additional knowledge into our programs.

Therefore, URAC has introducing a new regulatory compliance Standard. Effective immediately, this new Standard will apply to all current, non-deemed applications, accreditations and certifications. Although we expect immediate compliance with this Standard, we will not be asking for any additional documentation at this time. As new versions of programs are released, this Standard will be built into the program requirements and documentation will be submitted on Desktop.

Attached you will find the Standard language (see Attachment A). As a requirement of this Standard, organizations must remain in good standing with any issuing body/agency for all permits, licenses, registrations and/or charters held by the organization. If at any time during the accreditation or certification cycle this Standard is identified as "Not Met," the finding(s) will be presented to the Accreditation Committee for review and final determination of status.

If you have any further questions, please reach out to Product Development Department at productdevelopment@urac.org.

Sincerely,

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Attachment A: URAC's New Regulatory Compliance Standard

Standard: Regulatory Compliance

The organization maintains compliance with applicable jurisdictional laws and regulations.

Regulatory Compliance

The organization:

- a. Maintains compliance with applicable laws, regulations and requirements from any relevant jurisdictions