

AMA credentialing products and services measured against regulatory and accreditation standards

AMA Physician Profile (MD and DO)		Hospital Setting				Managed Care Setting		AAAHC	URAC	
Credentials Element	Source	CMS	TJC*	ACHC/HFAP†	DNV	CMS	NCQA			
Licensure: Current	State licensing board	✓	✓	✓	✓	(1)	(1)	✓	✓	
Licensure: Historical	State licensing board	+	+	✓	+	+	+	+	+	
US education	AAMC and osteopathic schools	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
ACGME-accredited training	ACGME-accredited programs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
ABMS board certification	ABMS	+	+	✓	+	✓	✓	✓	✓	
NPI number	CMS NPPES	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
DEA registration	DEA	+	+	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sanction alerts‡	Licensure: Current	State licensing board	+	✓	✓	✓	(1)	(1)	+	✓
	Licensure: Historical	State licensing board	+	+	✓	+	(1)	(1)	+	✓
	Medicare/Medicaid	OIG	+	+	✓	+	✓	✓	+	✓
	DEA	DEA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	US Air Force, Army, Navy, DOD, and VA: Historical	Respective military branch/agency	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
ECFMG identification number	ECFMG	AMA provides the number only. Contact ECFMG directly for verification.								

Continuous Monitoring Service of Physician Profiles		Hospital Setting				Managed Care Setting		AAAHC	URAC	
Sections Monitored on an Ongoing Basis	Update Notification Trigger	CMS	TJC*	ACHC/HFAP	DNV	CMS	NCQA			
Sanction alerts	Licensure: Current and historical	Alert from state licensing board	+	+	+	+	(1)	(1)	+	✓
	Medicare/Medicaid	Alert from OIG	+	+	+	+	✓	✓	+	✓
	DEA	Alert from DEA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Licensure	Changes in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License number • MD/DO • Locale • Date granted • Expiration date • Status 	✓	✓	✓	✓	+	+	+	+	

	• License type								
NPI number	Changes in: • NPI number • Replacement number	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
DEA registration	Changes in: • DEA number • Business activity • Drug schedule • Activity • Expiration date	+	+	✓	+	+	+	+	+
ABMS board certification	Changes in: • Certifying board • Certificate • Certificate type • Duration • Effective date • Expiration date	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
ACGME-accredited training	Changes in: • Sponsoring institution • Specialty • Dates	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
US education	Changes in: • School name • Degree awarded • Degree year	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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Symbols/indicators

✓ = meets standards

+ = exceeds standards through higher level of compliance or industry leading practice

(1) NCQA and CMS for Medicare Advantage require primary source verification of license directly with the licensing board and license sanctions directly with the licensing board or other recognized source.

Notes

* The Joint Commission accreditation standards deem the AMA Physician Professional Data™, formerly AMA Physician Masterfile, which populates AMA Physician Profiles, as a designated equivalent source for physician medical school, postgraduate medical training, and (due to its official ABMS display agent status) ABMS board certification. All other primary-source-reported information on the AMA Physician Profile meets and exceeds TJC principles for a credentials verification organization. See the [AMA response to TJC CVO requirements](#).

† ACHC/HFAP requires primary source verification of licensure but additionally requires a query of the National Practitioner Data Bank and of the Federation of State Medical Boards or the Fraud and Abuse Control Information System.

‡ Sanction Alerts: AMA provides notification only of sanctions in the profile's "Action Notifications" section. Contact the primary source directly for sanction details.

Acronyms

AAAHC = Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc., AAMC = Association of American Medical Colleges, ABMS = American Board of Medical Specialties, ACHC = Accreditation Commission for Health Care, ACGME = Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, AMA = American Medical Association, CMS for hospital setting = Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: Conditions of Participation for Hospitals, CMS for managed care setting = Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: Medicare Advantage, DEA = Drug Enforcement Administration, DNV = DNV Healthcare, DOD = Department of Defense, ECFMG = Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, HFAP = Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program, NCQA = National Committee for Quality Assurance, NPES = National Plan and Provider Enumeration System, OIG = Office of Inspector General, TJC = The Joint Commission, VA = Veterans Administration

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