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HOSPITAL CREDENTIALING AS A REQUIREMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN HEALTH PLANS

Some health insurance plans currently require hospital medical staff privileges in order for physicians to participate in their insurance plans. Some physicians are unable to obtain hospital privileges in certain hospitals and are thus prevented from participating in certain health plans, and some hospitals and primary care physicians are utilizing hospitalists and hospital-employed specialists to care for patients admitted to their institutions.

The Allegheny County Medical Society believes that hospital credentialing should not be a requirement to participate in health insurance plans.

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The Allegheny County Medical Society has 2,500 physician members from all specialties and is dedicated to providing leadership and advocacy on healthcare issues for the community and physicians. The organization has been serving Allegheny County since 1865. For more information, please contact ACMS at 412-321-5030 or acms@acms.org.