

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR**

**ACTION REFERRAL**

<b>TO</b>  <i>Myers</i>	<b>DATE</b>  <i>4-21-09</i>
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<b>DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>
1. LOG NUMBER  <i>.100595</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR  <i>Cleared 4/30/09 e-mail response attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>5-1-09</i> DATE DUE _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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**From:** Jan Polatty  
**To:** Felicity Myers  
**Subject:** Fwd: Request for a brief interview

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*C: Stensland*

*JLK*

*[Signature]*

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**From:** "Meryl Price" <meryl@healthpolicymatters.com>  
**To:** <stensland@scdhhs.gov>  
**Date:** 4/21/2009 11:30 AM  
**Subject:** Request for a brief interview

My team and I are doing research on provider credentialing practices across the 50 states to determine how different states handle credentialing and re-credentialing. We sincerely appreciate you being able to obtain the answers to the questions below. Over the phone, the interview takes less than 10 minutes. IF that's easier, we can talk with someone.

1. Can providers input application data electronically or must they submit on paper applications?
2. Do you require a wet (original) signature? Have you considered an electronic signature?
3. Are there multiple provider applications or a single provider application?
4. Do you use a vendor to process the provider applications?
5. Is this the same your MMIS vendor?
6. Do you use a software to process the provider applications or a database (i.e. Access/SQL)?
7. Do you get electronic data feeds from other organizations that already credential providers (i.e. Managed Care Organizations)?
8. What types of data validations do you do (i.e. licensure, medical education, DEA #, Medicare #)?
9. Does the state have the functionality to get electronic provider updates (i.e. from the OIG office or the National Practitioner Data Bank)?
10. How do you obtain disclosure information?
11. What is the goal of recredentialing (i.e. general quality assurance, obtain additional sanction/disclosure information, update demographic information)?
12. How frequently do you recredential/re-certify providers? Do you have a pre-populated form that they must send back?

Thank you so much for your time. Please let me know what works best for you.

We're hoping to collect the information quickly, any help you can offer is greatly appreciated.

Meryl Price

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**From:** "Meryl Price" <meryl@healthpolicymatters.com>  
**To:** BURKETT@scdchs.gov; meryl@HealthPolicyMatters.com  
**Date:** 4/30/2009 3:38 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Request for a brief interview

Thanks so much. I'll call you if we need any clarifications but this looks like exactly what I needed!

Meryl

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Felicia Burkett [mailto:BURKETT@scdchs.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 30, 2009 3:35 PM  
**To:** meryl@HealthPolicyMatters.com  
**Subject:** Request for a brief interview

Ms. Price, please see the answers in **BOLD** regarding your inquiry.

1. Can providers input application data electronically or must they submit on paper applications? **They must submit on paper applications.**
2. Do you require a wet (original) signature? **Yes we require original signature.**  
Have you considered an electronic signature? **We have considered electronic signatures and will implement it with the MITA Project that is currently underway.**
3. Are there multiple provider applications or a single provider application? **We have multiple provider applications.**
4. Do you use a vendor to process the provider applications? **We use a contractor to process provider applications.**
5. Is this the same your MMIS vendor? **Yes.**
6. Do you use a software to process the provider applications or a database (i.e. Access/SQL)? **A database.**
7. Do you get electronic data feeds from other organizations that already credential providers (i.e. Managed Care Organizations)? **No**
8. What types of data validations do you do (i.e. licensure, medical education, DEA #, Medicare #)? **We validate license, NPI number and provider exclusions.**
9. Does the state have the functionality to get electronic provider updates (i.e. from the OIG office or the National Practitioner Data Bank)? **At one time we got electronic updates from the OIG. Now, however, we verify provider information via the OIG website.**
10. How do you obtain disclosure information? **We have a Disclosure of Ownership and Control Interest Statement form that providers must complete and return with their provider application.**
11. What is the goal of recredentialing (i.e. general quality



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Thank you so much for your time.

Is there any way I can talk to you for 10 minutes this afternoon?  
Please  
let me know.

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