

Submitter : Ms. Stephanie Bayer
Organization : Ms. Stephanie Bayer
Category : Critical Access Hospital

Date: 02/09/2006

Issue Areas/Comments

Approval of Deeming Organizations

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Having reviewed the proposed TUVHS system, I am most impressed. The interplay of traditional healthcare standards with an ISO component will substantially elevate the total quality of healthcare. They present a thorough, well-designed, thoughtful proposal.

Evaluation of Deeming Authority Request

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Competition breeds improvement. The current deeming organizations have stood unchallenged for decades. Providing a consumer choice to conscientious healthcare providers for determining which deeming organization will best meet the needs of ensuring they are delivering high quality, safe healthcare is vital to a strong system.

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TUVHS has presented an application worthy of approval. Their proposed system will improve the quality of healthcare. I strongly urge acceptance of their proposed request.

Submitter :

Date: 02/10/2006

Organization :

Category : Hospital

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I'm in support of TUV to gain Deeming Authority for Hospitals.
It would be good to have Competition for JCAHO.

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Submitter : Mrs. Susan Ullrich
Organization : Campbell County Memorial Hospital
Category : Nurse

Date: 02/17/2006

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We had a survey done by TUV and I believe they should be granted deemed status. The process was very similar to a JCAHO survey. They definitely covered the COPs. The additional requirement for ISO certification is very good. The ISO standards are internationally recognized and measurable so will help to eliminate some of the surveyor variance that continues to exist in the JCAHO process. I am the survey coordinator and have been through several surveys now and found the TUV surveyors to be very knowledgeable and willing to educate throughout the survey process.

Submitter : Dr. Matt Baretich
Organization : Baretich Engineering, Inc.
Category : Individual

Date: 02/20/2006

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I am offering these comments in support of the deeming authority request by TUV Healthcare Specialists.

I am an engineer providing consulting services to healthcare organizations in the areas of clinical engineering, facilities engineering, and safety management. Much of my work is related to compliance with the JCAHO Environment of Care standards.

I believe that a strong, broad-based (not AOA/HFAP), private-sector alternative to JCAHO would improve the accreditation process for healthcare organizations in three ways: (1) Closer compliance with CMS Conditions of Participation. (2) Greater cost-effectiveness in the accreditation process. (3) Improved patient care.

The TUV proposal merges CMS standards with ISO 9001 quality management standards. Thus the CMS standards will be achieved by continuous improvement using the closed-loop principles of quality management. This approach stands in contrast to the complex, rules-based approach taken by JCAHO.

Based on my experience working with many hospitals and healthcare organizations, patient care will be improved by the availability of an accreditation process that is fundamentally based on the principles of quality management.

Submitter : Ms. Judith Purdy
Organization : Hays Medical Center
Category : Hospital

Date: 02/21/2006

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I believe TUV Healthcare Specialists should be granted "deeming" authority to survey the Conditions of Participation. TUV is very knowledgeable about the CoPs and conducts a thorough survey. Implementation of TUV's integrated survey process will assist hospitals in building a sound infrastructure of quality. TUV is committed to assisting hospitals in putting structure into processes for improving patient care. TUV Healthcare Specialists will offer a sound alternative to JCAHO accreditation.

Submitter : Mr. Dale Montgomery
Organization : Hays Medical Center
Category : Other Health Care Professional

Date: 02/21/2006

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We at Hays Medical Center fully support TUV in their quest for deeming authority. TUV using ISO standards as a quality indicator will enhance quality in health care.