

ACUTE CARE, INC. Joins PDS Movement

ACUTE CARE INC.'S MISSION: To provide quality practice management services in partnership with exceptional physicians and healthcare facilities.

In an effort to ensure that we partner with exceptional physicians and always provide quality service to our partner healthcare facilities, **ACI** has begun to enroll our active providers with the Proactive Disclosure Service (PDS) offered through the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).

The Proactive Disclosure Service was developed in response to a growing interest in ongoing monitoring of health care practitioners. As subscribers to the PDS we receive notification within one business day of the NPDB's receipt of a report on any enrolled practitioners. What that means is any reportable offense to the NPDB (medical malpractice payments, adverse license actions, adverse clinical privileges, adverse professional society membership actions, and exclusions from Medicare/Medicaid) will be reported to our company. Since we subscribe to PDS, we are essentially querying 24 hours a day, 365 days a year on all enrolled providers.

Additional benefits of the program include the fact that PDS satisfies the credentialing standards of accreditation organizations and meets the mandatory querying requirements of the Health Care Quality Improvement Act of 1986, as amended. PDS is also accepted by the Joint Commission, National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as fulfillment of designated accreditation and/or certification standards.

You probably have the ability to utilize the Proactive Disclosure Service at your facility. If you have query power to the NPDB you have the choice to enroll in the PDS, by contacting the NPDB customer service line at 1-800-767-6732. If you have general questions about the PDS, I would be happy to help any way I can. You can reach me at kelliol@acutecare.com.