

Act 60 - Deeming 2013

Act permits a hospital to use an accrediting organization's deeming survey for State Licensure. Through Act 60, the Department of Health can grant a state license renewal to hospitals accredited and deemed by an approved national accreditation organization.

The Department will accept the following approved national accreditation organizations currently recognized by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for state licensure deeming purposes:

- The Joint Commission (JC)
- Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC) (Formally AOA/HFAP)
- The Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (CIHQ)
- DNV GL HEALTHCARE USA, Inc. (DNV GL)

Note: Accreditation can be no more than one year prior to the expiration date of the facility's license. Example: Hospital receives accreditation letter on 3/27/2016. The accreditation letter can be used to obtain a license only until 3/27/2017. Hospital license expires 7/31/2018. For the hospital to use the deemed accreditation they would need to request early licensure before 3/27/2017. If the hospital properly requests and completes a renewal application before 3/27/2017, the hospital will receive a new license with a three year expiration date which would sync the deemed accreditation and the State license. It is not the Department's responsibility to notify nor keep track of whether an accreditation can be used by the Hospital for State licensure. It is the sole responsibility of the hospital to comply with Act 60.

The Department's on-line license application has been modified to add a section for "Accreditation". In this section, hospitals will have the option to select their accrediting organization (CIHQ, HFAP, JC, or DNV GL). If a hospital wishes to use an accrediting organization's deeming survey for State Licensure, the most recent accreditation letter shall be added as an attachment to the on-line license application. The on-line deemed license application will not be approved by the Department unless the most recent accreditation letter is included as an attachment.

If a hospital is not accredited, or does not wish to use the accreditation deeming option for state licensure purposes, this additional section of the on-line license application should be left blank. Any questions can be forwarded to the Division of Acute and Ambulatory Care at RA-DAAC@pa.gov