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## Common Credentialing Advisory Group

### *Request for Applications*

With the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 604 (2013), the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is required to establish a program and database for the purpose of providing credentialing organizations access to information necessary to credential all health care practitioners in the State. The OHA is seeking applications for membership to the Common Credentialing Advisory Group that is directed by SB 604 to include representation by health care practitioners, credentialing organizations and health care regulatory boards.

The Advisory Group will provide consultation to OHA as it implements SB 604, including determining the source data that must be submitted by health care practitioners and utilized by credentialing organizations. This data will then be used to determine health care facility privileges, coverage of professional services by insurance companies, and the verification and re-credentialing of all appropriate health care practitioners. The Advisory Group will also be responsible for advising the OHA on credentialing application and submittal requirements, the process by which credentialing organizations may access the system, and the imposition of fees. This includes standards for the process of verifying credentialing information.

It will take time to establish a robust common credentialing system and Advisory Group members must be able to commit time to the process. While the OHA is required to convene the Advisory Group only annually, it is anticipated that bi-weekly Advisory Group meetings will need to occur at least for the first six months of the implementation process, beginning late September 2013. For more information on the legislative requirements for common credentialing, SB 604 is available for interested parties to review at <http://www.leg.state.or.us/13reg/measpdf/sb0600.dir/sb0604.en.pdf>.

**Applications will be accepted through August 30, 2013.**  
Please complete this [Application Form](#) and email to: [Credentialing@state.or.us](mailto:Credentialing@state.or.us)  
[Application Form in PDF format](#)

Questions regarding SB 604 and the process can be directed to Melissa Isavoran with the OHA's Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research at [melissa.isavoran@state.or.us](mailto:melissa.isavoran@state.or.us) or by phone at (503) 373-7959.