Health Care Compliance

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1. To avoid conflicts of interest, the compliance officer should be independent of the financial and legal leadership of the delivery setting.

2. Legal violations should be discussed at meetings and documented in the minutes of such meetings.

3. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) training must be completed by new employees no later than six months after their date of employment.

4. For an impermissible disclosure of patient information to violate HIPAA, staff must disclose enough personal information to identify the patient.

5. To comply with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA), health care providers and health system organizations should have a medical-practice compliance plan that ensures adherence to all ethical and legal requirements.

6. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) safety training must be done at least every two years.

7. An effective compliance officer must be familiar with the state and federal rules and how they apply to the delivery setting.

8. Only a third-party consulting service should complete audits so the evaluation is objective and impartial, because internal auditing introduces bias into the process.

9. The terms compliance program and compliance plan are interchangeable and have the same meaning.

10. Staff training on health care compliance issues can be done individually or in groups.

11. Safety training under OSHA includes the handling and disposing of needles and the handling of chemicals but does not cover the labeling of instruments.

12. Every health care facility must have a Safety Data Sheet containing information about the proper handling of chemicals.

13. If health care delivery settings and organizations have not yet established compliance plans in accordance with federal law, they are granted an automatic six-month exemption from complying with the regulations of the ACA.

14. A health care compliance program should include the following basic elements (among other elements), according to the Office of the Inspector General: appointing a compliance officer; offering effective education and training; and taking corrective action when a violation has been uncovered.

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