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CMS officially approves The Compliance Team, Inc. (TCT) as national Rural Health Clinic accrediting organization

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services, announced earlier today in a statement published in the Federal Register (FR Doc. 2013-16735 <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2014/07/18/2014-16735/medicare-and-medicaid-programs-initial-approval-of-the-compliance-teams-tcts-rural-health-clinic-rhc>), that CMS has given its final notice approving The Compliance Team (TCT) for initial recognition as a national accrediting organization for Rural Health Clinics (RHCs).

With this move, the federal government now recognizes TCT's rural health clinic standards as meeting or exceeding federal standards for participating in Medicare. Rural health clinics seeking Medicare certification or recertification through accreditation can avoid wait times for agency surveyors by contacting TCT directly to ensure that their accreditation survey is timely completed.

TCT is already a nationally recognized as a leading healthcare accreditation organization that provides industry leading Exemplary Provider® branded accreditation services to thousands of providers in all fifty states, Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands. The firm was formed in 1994 and is the first certified woman-owned healthcare accreditation organization to hold approval for Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS – 2006) from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

"We are very pleased that CMS has once again placed its confidence in TCT and recognizes our dedication to quality care and patient safety," said Sandra Canally, RN, CEO of TCT. "We welcome this opportunity to partner with CMS to help ensure the timely review and accreditation of Rural Health Clinics so patients in these communities have continued access to these important health care resources".

"Being approved by CMS' Certification and Survey Division is a really big deal", Canally further explained during remarks made at TCT's offices in suburban Philadelphia. "Now that we have demonstrated the capacity to receive CMS deeming authority for both Part A and Part B health care providers, we (TCT) are the accreditation choice for our Rural Health Care Providers", Canally noted.

Successful completion of TCT's Exemplary Provider® accreditation program for Rural Health Clinics sends a message to their local community that the level of quality has been validated by a third party agency (TCT) and that it is at an Exemplary level. This is about maintaining quality patient care for the patients in these rural health clinics.

Using a comprehensive set of plain language quality standards simplifies the accreditation process by eliminating distractions, so providers can focus on issues that matter most to patients — Safety-Honesty-Caring.® If an RHC excels in these three important areas, what else matters; the rest is just minutia states Sandra Canally, RN, President of The Compliance Team, Inc.

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Sandra C. Canally, RN, formed the Compliance Team, Inc. (TCT) in 1994. The firm's first Exemplary Provider® accreditation programs were launched in 1998. TCT is the first and remains the only certified woman-owned, for-profit, accreditation organization to be granted CMS deeming authority (Part A—Rural Health Clinic in 2014 & Part B—DMEPOS in 2006). All told, The Compliance Team offers its Exemplary Provider™ accreditation in 11 different healthcare sectors including: Critical Access Hospital, Rural Health Clinic, Physician Practice, Immediate Care Clinic, Pharmacy Services (Community/ Specialty/ LTC/ Sterile & Non-sterile Compounding), DMEPOS, Sleep Care Management, Home Health (non-Medicare), Private Duty, Hospice (non-Medicare) and Ocularist.