

Accreditation and Regulatory Advisory Services

Supporting patient safety through accreditation and regulatory compliance including gap assessments, education, coaching and solution implementation

Expertise for sustainable regulatory compliance

With onsite survey experience with The Joint Commission, Vizient Accreditation Advisors provide the expertise, tools and information to proactively meet regulatory and accreditation compliance requirements.

Our trusted advisers – including nurses, physicians, and certified facilities management professionals – can help you assess, build and maintain continuous patient safety and regulatory compliance.

“In our most recent Joint Commission survey, we saw a reduction in our findings of almost 33%. I consider this an attribution to our preparation and partnership with Vizient.”

Angelo Venditti, Executive Vice President, Chief Nurse Executive and Chief Patient Experience Officer, Temple University Health System

“In addition to helping with preparations, Vizient experts are available during the survey to help with clarification and interpretation of regulations.”

Adrian M. Moran, Vice President, Medical Affairs, Assoc. Chief Medical Officer, Maine Medical Center

Is your organization meeting patient safety regulations?

Vizient Accreditation Services offers a comprehensive continuous compliance service aimed at providing up-to-the-minute insights on survey activity and challenges. The comprehensive service provides an ongoing stream of information that assists organizations in conducting internal assessments on high-risk issues and a periodic review by a team of accreditation advisors to provide a fresh eyes assessment of organizational compliance with strategies for successful improvements.

Be survey ready at all times through a continuous compliance approach

Benefits of Vizient® accreditation education and resources:

- Access to trusted advisers including nurses, physicians and certified health care facility management professionals with years of experience
- Timely accreditation and regulatory information in the form of resources, tools and communications to ensure success the first time
- The opportunity to network with other members, as well as content experts, to tackle problematic compliance issues
- The most up-to-date information from peer organizations
- Access to the latest accreditation news
- Quarterly TJC standards interpretation and CMS questions and answers

Accreditation and regulatory compliance services for your entire organization

Realizing that all areas of your organization must be ready to discuss and demonstrate patient safety through regulatory compliance at a moment's notice, having continuous access to resources and a trusted partner are valuable resources. Our team has expertise that spans the services being provided in your communities including emergency services, intensive care, women's health, pediatrics, perioperative services, ambulatory services, behavioral health, and the physical environment. They stand ready to assure you meet the challenges of continuously delivering safe patient care.

Vizient Accreditation Solutions

Mock Surveys / Compliance Assessments

Our team of accreditation advisors is comprised of experienced clinicians and certified health care facility management professional surveyors who can share leading practices and solutions to specifically address your problematic issues. An annual visit from our team enables you to strategically and proactively plan, execute, and sustain your solutions, versus reactively and urgently implementing a short-term solution post-survey.

Customized options are also available such as a mid-cycle deep dive assessment, verifying compliance before an accreditation follow-up survey (AFS), as well as focused surveys for areas such as behavioral health, infection prevention, dialysis, and disease specific certification reviews.

Accreditation Leader Mentoring Program

Vizient offers an accreditation advisor to educate and coach new accreditation professionals in their home environment. The program provides education and support to an accreditation leader in their new role, as well as assisting in maintaining organizational compliance.

Continuous Accreditation Compliance (CAC) Subscription Service

The information shared through the Continuous Accreditation Compliance (CAC) service combines member information with the regulatory source of truth – The Joint Commission (TJC), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and others.

Open access to Vizient accreditation consultants is one of the most valuable parts of this program. With the help of our team of clinicians and life-safety advisors, experienced previous accreditation leaders and TJC surveyors, you receive the guidance required to provide safe patient care through continuous regulatory compliance at all times. They are also available for time-sensitive help during actual regulatory or accreditation surveys.



Contact us for more information on how Vizient can help with your accreditation preparation needs at diana.scott@vizientinc.com.

New Health Care Construction/Renovation Services

Our advisors can help ensure you are in compliance regardless of your stage of construction or renovation:

- Pre-construction – Life Safety Code, Life Safety Drawing, Pre-Construction Risk Assessment (PICRA) and Infection Control Assessment (ICRA)
- Active construction – Periodic field compliance reviews for applicable Life Safety Code, Interim Life Safety Code Compliance and Infection Control Compliance
- Post-construction – Field Review of Applicable Safety Codes, Joint Commission Standards, Life Safety Code, CMS and Conditions of Participation (COPs), and as-built drawings review and spot checks

Education Programs

We bring education to your doorstep. Our education programs provide access to experts and tools for accreditation professionals and operational managers of academic medical centers, community hospitals and ambulatory care facilities. Our programs focus on CMS Conditions of Participation and highlight requirements unique to voluntary accrediting organizations. In addition, programs are approved for continuing education credit.

Workplace Violence Prevention Program Assessment and Coaching

Our multidisciplinary team of accreditation advisors have experience in law enforcement, worksite security, risk management, employee health, and clinical and patient safety. They are available to help ensure you meet the annual evaluation requirements through a comprehensive assessment of the workplace environment, as well as workforce safety practices and processes. It is imperative your workforce has confidence their work environment is safe and able to protect their physical safety so they can focus on delivering safe patient care.

As the nation's largest member-driven health care performance improvement company, Vizient provides solutions and services that empower health care providers to deliver high-value care by aligning cost, quality and market performance. With analytics, advisory services and a robust sourcing portfolio, we help members improve patient outcomes and lower costs.