

### **Important Note Regarding AAAHC 2018 Peer Review Standard 2.III.A**

In 2016, AAAHC updated our guidelines regarding peer review in recognition of the diversity of health care professionals, particularly but not only in primary care settings, who provide similar services to patients but are differently-licensed. The new guidelines are: 1) differently-licensed practitioners reviewing each other must be privileged to provide similar services to similar patients; and 2) prevailing laws must permit peer review by differently-licensed practitioners.

The AAAHC Standards have long allowed for peer review by similarly-licensed, but differently-privileged, health care professionals. 2018 Standard 2.III.A appears to remove that allowance, but it was not the intent to do so. Therefore, although the 2018 *Handbook* will not be revised now, the following interpretation of this Standard is effective immediately (update in red text):

Each physician, dentist, or health care professional is reviewed by at least one similarly-privileged **and/or similarly-licensed** peer.

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