

**[The governing body must:]**

**§482.12(a)(6) Ensure the criteria for selection are individual character, competence, training, experience, and judgment; and**

**Interpretive Guidelines §482.12(a)(6)**

The governing body must assure that the medical staff bylaws describe the privileging process to be used by the hospital. The process articulated in the medical staff bylaws, rules, or regulations must include criteria for determining the privileges that may be granted to individual practitioners and a procedure for applying the criteria to individual practitioners that considers:

- Individual character;
- Individual competence;
- Individual training;
- Individual experience; and

- Individual judgment.

The governing body must ensure that the hospital's bylaws governing medical staff membership or the granting of privileges apply equally to all practitioners in each professional category of practitioners.

### **Survey Procedures §482.12(a)(6)**

- Verify that there are written criteria for appointments to the medical staff and granting of medical staff privileges.
- Verify that granting of medical staff membership or privileges, both new and renewal, is based upon an individual practitioner's meeting the medical staff's membership/privileging criteria.
- Verify that, at a minimum, criteria for appointment to the medical staff/granting of medical staff privileges are individual character, competence, training, experience, and judgment.