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## **Christopher Earns certification in healthcare compliance**

Acumentra Health Standard Data Processing Systems administrator and compliance officer Laurie Christopher recently earned her Certification in Healthcare Compliance (CHC.)

Administered by the Healthcare Compliance Certification Board (HCCB,) the CHC is the culmination of intensive coursework and study and a comprehensive examination.

To receive the certification, Christopher demonstrated her broad knowledge and ability to perform the compliance function.

"The HCCB program establishes strong professional standards for compliance professionals," said Jon K. Mitchell, FACHE, president and CEO of Acumentra Health. "Laurie's specialized training and certification enhance the quality of the services we deliver to every client."

Healthcare compliance, a relatively new field, focuses on ensuring that healthcare providers follow the laws and regulations

concerning Medicare billing and HIPAA regulations.

Christopher must complete continuing education requirements every two years to renew her certification.

During her career Christopher has provided support for the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Service's (CMS's) Scope of Work (SOW) tasks.

She is responsible for compliance policies, disaster planning and recovery, and HIPAA privacy and security policies.

As the QualityNet Exchange Administrator, she supports Acumentra Health as well as Oregon providers with registration, file exchange and related issues.

Christopher works closely with the Acumentra Health's CEO and executive staff in strategic planning and recommending future system needs, resource allocation and implementing timelines.

Christopher is a Certified Network Engineer (CNE,) a member of the QIO Advisory Committee (QIAC,) and the SDPS Infrastructure Board (SIB.)