

Comprehensive Screening Can Help Mitigate Your Risk When Staffing Healthcare Professionals

The temptation to perform only basic background screening or conducting only the most perfunctory background screening and credentialing for physician recruitment to save money can be strong. It may seem like a good way to save time and money, however, these shocking statistics illustrate the need for comprehensive screening.

According to the Federation of State Boards (FSMB), the representative organization for state licensing agencies:

- 4,569 actions were reported by the medical boards in 1999.
- Of the 4,520 total actions taken, 3,838 were prejudicial to the physician and were taken for violations such as quality of care, sexual misconduct, insurance fraud, alcohol/substance abuse or inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances.



According to the Public Health Citizen's Research Group in Washington, D.C., between 1984 and 1999:

- 20,125 physicians were the subject of some disciplinary action by a state medical board or other governmental agency, resulting in nearly 39,000 disciplinary actions.
- More than 3,000 physicians were guilty of felony offenses.

These statistics focus on physicians but the risk is real for all healthcare professionals. It pays to dig beneath the surface with a comprehensive screening process.

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For more information about how Accutrace can mitigate your risk, please contact an Accutrace screening specialist.