



O'Grady Peyton International Awarded Gold Seal of Approval from The Joint Commission

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SAN DIEGO, APRIL 5, 2007 – O'Grady Peyton International, the international division of AMN Healthcare, the nation's leading temporary health care staffing company, has achieved the Gold Seal of Approval™ for Health Care Staffing Services from The Joint Commission.

O'Grady Peyton International underwent an announced, on-site review of its compliance with national standards in February, addressing how staffing firms determine the qualifications and competency of their staff, how they place their staff and how they monitor staff performance.

"Certification by The Joint Commission gives contracting organizations assurance that O'Grady Peyton International is committed to the ongoing comprehensive evaluation of key processes such as establishing criteria for providing appropriate and competent staff, and matching the needs of the contracting organizations with the appropriate placement of clinicians; verifying credentials; demonstrating and maintaining competency of their health care staff and providing orientation and education on NPSG (National Patient Safety Goals) and other important areas," said Michele Sacco, M.S., executive director, Health Care Staffing Services Certification, The Joint Commission

"We are very proud that O'Grady Peyton International has been recognized for certification by the Joint Commission," said Paul Foster, president of O'Grady Peyton International. "O'Grady Peyton International and AMN Healthcare have reputations as the industry leaders in setting high-quality standards, and this certification provides hospital clients and health care professionals across the nation with an even greater level of confidence that AMN Healthcare's processes across the company meet rigorous requirements that are important for quality patient care."

"AMN Healthcare has always focused on superior quality management to ensure that only the most qualified health care professionals are staffed on a consistent basis," said Marcia Faller, RN, chief clinical officer and executive vice president of AMN Healthcare, in charge of the quality assurance division for AMN and O'Grady Peyton International. "Joint Commission certification independently validates O'Grady Peyton International's industry-leading quality processes to both hospitals and health care professionals seeking a career in the United States. Whether our nurses come from the United States or abroad to staff a hospital, we know that we are providing quality and a high level of commitment to industry-leading competency standards."

Company Summary

AMN Healthcare is the largest temporary health care staffing company in the United States. The company is the largest nationwide provider of travel nurse staffing services, locum tenens staffing services (temporary physician staffing) and physician permanent placement services and also a leading nationwide provider of allied health care staffing services. AMN Healthcare recruits health care professionals both nationally and internationally and places them on variable lengths of assignments and in permanent positions at acute-care hospitals, physician practice groups and other health care facilities throughout the United States. AMN Healthcare's international division, O'Grady Peyton International, recruits English-speaking internationally trained nurses from foreign countries to provide clients with a longer-term staffing solution, placing these fully U.S.-licensed nurses with clients for assignments of 12 to 18 months. Learn more about AMN at www.amnhealthcare.com.

About The Joint Commission

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission seeks to continuously improve the safety and quality of care provided to the public through the provision of health care accreditation and related services that support performance improvement in health care organizations. The Joint Commission evaluates and accredits nearly 15,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States, including more than 8,000 hospitals and home care organizations, and more than 6,800 other health care organizations that provide long term care, assisted living, behavioral health care, laboratory and ambulatory care services. The Joint Commission also accredits health plans, integrated delivery networks, and other managed care entities. In addition, the Joint Commission provides certification of disease-specific care programs, primary stroke centers, and health care staffing services. An independent, not-for-profit organization, the Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. Learn more about the Joint Commission at www.jointcommission.org.

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