Important NCCA Accreditation Notification

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Dear Colleagues,

On July 4, 2023, the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) granted accreditation to the National Consortium of Breast Centers (NCBC®) for demonstrating compliance with the NCCA Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs in both Breast Health Clinical Navigator Certification BHCN™ and Cancer Genetic Risk Assessment Certification CGRA™. NCCA is the accrediting body of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence. The NCCA Standards were created in 1977 and updated in 2016 to ensure certification programs adhere to modern standards of practice for the certification industry. The National Consortium of Breast Centers joins an elite group of more than 130 organizations representing over 315 programs that have received and maintained NCCA accreditation. NCBC® has provided benchmark certification testing since March 2009.

Recognizing the unique roles for both breast health clinical navigators and cancer genetic risk assessment further distinguishes the impact and importance of these positions. A comprehensive analysis was completed considering the standards of care and standard expectations of those who met the requirements of both exams. NCBC® partnered with Alpine Testing Solutions, a firm with national recognition in methodology, statistical qualifications, and psychometric analysis of test development to engage a diverse team of interdisciplinary subject matter experts from across the country to develop our newly accredited certifications.

Navigators who achieve the new certification mark **BHCN™** now hold a national accreditation. Achieving this certification validates their mastery of skills and knowledge for both patients and employers, positioning them to help their organization improve patient care and receive higher levels of recognition.

Clinicians who achieve the certification mark **CGRA™** now hold a national accreditation. This includes a growing number of healthcare professionals across the country with knowledge, skills and expertise in cancer genetics and risk assessment to help meet the growing demand for genetic services.

We are pleased to say that programs like Magnet®, CoC® and NAPBC® whom promote excellence in healthcare and set standards for accreditation will now recognize BHCN™ and CGRA™. Attaining BHCN™ and CGRA™ certification reflects a commitment to continuing education, patient advocacy, and comprehensive quality-based patient care. NCBC® is thrilled to achieve NCCA accreditation for both certification programs.

For more information on the Breast Health Clinical Navigator BHCN™ Certification, or Cancer Genetic Risk Assessment CGRA™ Certification please contact Kimberly Bolin, Executive Director NCBC® at kimberly@breastcare.org or Aerial Gilbert, Certification Manager at aerial@breastcare.org

Kindly,

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More information on the NCCA is available online at www.credentialingexcellence.org/NCCA or by calling 202-367-1165.