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## 42 U.S. Code § 1320c-5

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### Obligations of health care practitioners and providers of health care services; sanctions and penalties; hearings and review

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#### **(a) Assurances regarding services and items ordered or provided by practitioner or provider**

It shall be the obligation of any health care practitioner and any other person (including a hospital or other health care facility, organization, or agency) who provides health care services for which payment may be made (in whole or in part) under this chapter, to assure, to the extent of his authority that services or items ordered or provided by such practitioner or person to beneficiaries and recipients under this chapter—

- (1) will be provided economically and only when, and to the extent, medically necessary;
- (2) will be of a quality which meets professionally recognized standards of health care; and
- (3) will be supported by evidence of medical necessity and quality in such form and fashion and at such time as may reasonably be required by a reviewing quality improvement organization in the exercise of its duties and responsibilities.

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