

# Faculty Biography

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## **John Berry, RN, MSN, CMS**

### **Consultant**

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John Berry is a CMS Consultant for Joint Commission Resources. Mr. Berry is a registered nurse with comprehensive clinical and regulatory experience in non-long term healthcare settings. His clinical background includes general medical/surgical and telemetry nursing, adult psychiatric care, medical/surgical critical care, and clinical education.

Mr. Berry was a Health Facility Compliance Manager for the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) prior to joining JCR. As a Manager, Mr. Berry oversaw CMS survey and certification and State licensure of hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, and dialysis centers. His duties included functioning as a team leader on surveys, providing guidance to survey staff, approving surveyor recommendations to CMS concerning certification status, and providing support and education to health facility administration regarding CMS regulatory requirements.

In his management experience, Mr. Berry also oversaw complaint intake and triage for all non-long term healthcare facilities in Texas. His duties in this role included ensuring that complaints were reviewed for allegations of substantial non-compliance with the applicable regulation set, and appropriately triaged as an immediate jeopardy, non-immediate jeopardy, or EMTALA investigation.

Before Mr. Berry was a manager with DSHS, he surveyed hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, transplant centers, and dialysis facilities for State licensure and CMS certification throughout Texas. Survey activities included full surveys of deemed and non-deemed facilities, including accrediting organization validation surveys, and complaint surveys (immediate jeopardy, non-immediate jeopardy, and EMTALA).

While completing his Associate Degree in Nursing, Mr. Berry was elected and served as the President of the local Student Nurses Association and he received a Clinical Excellence Award. Mr. Berry continued his education with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Master of Science in Nursing (administration track), both of which were achieved with honors from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, Texas.

Mr. Berry has professional memberships with the American Nurses Association and the National Association for Healthcare Quality, and he is a recipient of the Patriot Award from the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Mr. Berry has participated in CMS pilot survey programs, such as the ESRD Core Survey Process, and he has completed the advanced training program from the Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR).