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Regulation and accreditation are related and essential for healthcare organizations. However, regulation denote rules and legal aspects that must be followed. Therefore, regulations give specific details of implementing legal requirements by organizations and providers in health care industry or any other sector. Regulation focuses on maintaining certain set standards and protection of consumers of different services and products. Accreditation is a voluntary and self-regulatory process where non-governmental bodies or non-state actors initiate programs to improve standards and professional quality in different areas like healthcare (Due et al., 2019). Accreditation is an approval seal from an independent body that certifies an organization meeting certain requirements or standards. Accreditation is focused on improvement of processes and programs offered by an institution, providers, or certain agencies. Accrediting entities are normally based on peer approval, education consultation and voluntary quality controls.

Accreditation standards in health care include getting quality approval on patient safety measures like the National Patient Safety Goals by The Joint Commission. These also include quality measures as developed by the Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research (AHQR). These accreditations allow organizations to develop quality standards in patient care that enhances patient safety, quality of care, and better accessibility and reduction of cost (San, 2021). Regulatory agencies like federal’s Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) develop initiatives that allow organizations to improve quality by creating value-based care models.

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