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### **GEHA's Johnston now a Certified Provider Credentialing Specialist**

**Michael Johnston**, a Credentialing Assistant Supervisor at Government Employees Health Association (GEHA), has received the nationally recognized designation of Certified Provider Credentialing Specialist (CPCS), which is awarded by the Certification Commission of National Association Medical Staff Services (NAMSS).

Johnston received this designation after passing a comprehensive exam covering a wide range of knowledge in the medical services field.

Medical services professionals like Johnston work behind the scenes to ensure that the credentials of all practitioners who are caring for patients are correct and have been verified. Medical services professionals are experts in provider credentialing and privileging, medical staff organization, accreditation and regulatory compliance, and provider relations in the health care industry. They credential and monitor ongoing competence of the physicians and other practitioners who provide patient care services in hospitals, managed care organizations and other health care settings.

Johnston has worked at GEHA for seven years.

**About GEHA.** GEHA is the second-largest national health plan and the second-largest national dental plan serving federal employees, federal retirees and their families. GEHA, which provides health and dental plans to almost 1 million covered lives worldwide, is one of the Kansas City area's top private companies. Its corporate offices are in Lee's Summit, Missouri. ([www.geha.com](http://www.geha.com))

**About NAMSS and the Certification Commission of NAMSS.** Established in 1978, NAMSS' mission is to influence and promote quality standards for the administrative management of health care professionals. NAMSS' 4,000 members are professionals within the hospital or other health care setting charged with the performance and management of credentialing functions. In its effort to advance the delivery of quality health care, the association is devoted to the career development of medical staff and health care provider credentialing specialists. The Certification Board of NAMSS (CCN) was established in 1984 to advance the profession of medical services management through the development of a certification program. The CCN administers two accredited certification programs that measure knowledge of current industry standards and practices: the Certified Professional in Medical Services Management (CPMSM) exam and the Certified Provider Credentialing Specialist (CPCS) exam. ([www.namss.org](http://www.namss.org))

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