

## **Providing Veterinary Services to an Employer's Animals**

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A member who exclusively treats the animals that are the property of his/her employer does not require accreditation of the veterinary facility from which he/she is practicing.

However, the member is required to maintain all standards of practice of the profession and consideration would be given to the analogous accreditation standards for equipment, proper patient record-keeping, safe drug storage, a medical reference library and orderly and sanitary premises, etc. in assessing whether the member met the standard.

A member must be a true employee of the animal owner and not establish artificial arrangements to circumvent facility accreditation requirements (e.g., establishing part-time pseudo-employment relationships with multiple animal owners).