

## Glossary of Terms

**Active duty** – on the job

**AMA** – discharge against medical advice

**Apps** – small software programs used in mobile communication devices

**Authentication** – means true and correct

**Causal link** – trying to prove cause and effect

**CBE** (charting by exception) – is a documentation system that states only significant findings or exceptions to normal findings

**Cognitive impairment** – memory issues

**Contemporaneously** – at the time of occurrence or shortly thereafter

**Defendants** – those being sued or those accused of wrongdoing

**Disclaimer** – a short statement that clarifies your role in the signing procedure

**Documentation** – is sometimes called reporting, charting or recording; can be described as any electronic or written information or data about client interactions or care events that meet both legal and professional standards

**Encryption** – an electronic process that minimizes unauthorized use

**Hackers** – individuals who gain unauthorized access to computer databases

**Informatics** – the merging of medical and nursing science with computer science to better manage health related data

**Inputting** – entering data into an electronic device

**Liable** – responsible in a legal sense

**Plaintiff** – the one who initiates or begins the lawsuit and claims injury or death or damages

**Real time** – recording at the bedside or at the point of care immediately after care is completed

**SBAR** – Situation, Background, Assessments, Recommendations

**Slang** – improper or causal English not appropriate for formal documentation

**Testify** – tell the truth of the facts

**VTO** – verified telephone orders