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News and Tips - October 2018

Q: I recently read the Q&A you wrote regarding the differences between an independent contractor and an employee. However, my question is a little bit different. I'm planning on being an independent contractor, as I'm training out of a few different barns. Is there anything I need to know, particularly regarding the legalities of this?

Definitely! The number one thing that you need, from an equestrian legal perspective, is proper insurance.

Equestrian sport is not without risk, and, as an independent contractor trainer, you want to ensure that you're protected against those potential risks, such as rider or horse injury. For this, you'll want to look into a Commercial Equine Liability Policy.

If the farms that you're teaching out of are business and insurance savvy, they may ask you for proof of this – and they may ask to be added to the policy as an "Additional Insured." This covers the farm- or property-owners solely in relation to your training and lessons.

Some farms may also offer to add you to their farm's liability policy that they already have in place. However, that only protects you at that specific farm, so if you're training at multiple locations, you'll likely still need your own Commercial Equine Liability Policy.



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Boarding Agreement Checklist

- Fees and Terms
- Right of Lien
- Emergency Contact(s)
- Horse Description
- Authorization for Emergency Care
- Horse Insurance Information
- Equine Liability Act Verbiage
- Hold Harmless Agreement
- Vaccination Requirements

Tip of the Month

A detailed boarding contract can be vital for protecting both the boarder and the property owner. Does your current boarding contract contain all of the above?

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OP-ED: CONTINUITY OF CARE IS GOOD MEDICINE FOR PATIENTS – AND DOCTORS

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Unfortunately, the trend is for less continuity and more fragmentation. As a result, the patient-physician relationship is weaker and less effective than it used to be



Armand Leone, Jr.

Continuity of care was once a mainstay of the general practitioner. A recent study published in BMJ Open, a peer-reviewed medical journal, shows that continuity of care reduces patient mortality. Continuity even improves outcomes for specialist physicians and surgeons. Unfortunately, the trend in medicine is that delivery of care has become more fragmented with different parts of a patient's care being rendered by multiple providers.

The patient-physician relationship has been largely replaced by a patient-medical team relationship. While using a patient-team approach helps with appointment availability and throughput (the number of patients seen per hour), the erosion of the patient-physician relationship has resulted in poorer outcomes. The emphasis on science has caused doctors to overestimate their effectiveness when consulting with patients they do not know and underestimate their effectiveness when consulting with patients they know.

In the News

Did you know that in addition to his extensive equestrian background and knowledge and a law school degree, Armand Leone is a licensed MD, having received his degree from New York Medical College after also completing a General Surgery Internship at Montefiore Medical Center!?

Hear from Armand in this column for NJ Spotlight



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