

Credentialing and Privileging: Non-Physician Practitioners

Name of Hospital: _____

Date: _____ Hospital Contact: _____

Non-physicians' credentials should be verified and privileges granted for both licensed allied health professionals (AHPs) and non-licensed assistive personnel.

Always/ Yes	Sometimes	Never/ No	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. The governing body determines whether a non-physician practitioner (NPP) class (e.g., physician assistants, nurse midwives, nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, nurse anesthetists) may practice at the hospital, and it determines the individual's scope of practice prior to accepting an application.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Regardless of whether the individual is to be an employee of the hospital or an independent contractor, the credentialing process is used for granting privileges to NPPs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. NPPs have specific qualifications that must be met prior to credentialing and delineating clinical privileges.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Clinical privileges are granted within the practitioner's scope of practice.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. The following requirements must be met for physician-employed NPPs (including certified registered nurse anesthetists, RN first assistants, and non-licensed practitioners, etc.):
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a. The NPP must complete an application at the hospital that includes demographic information and evidence of licensure/certification, training, and liability coverage.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. The physician verifies that he or she is responsible for the actions of the NPP.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	c. The physician lists what the NPP may do, and the governing body approves the list.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. All aspects of medical staff oversight, including peer review, are in effect for NPPs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Information is obtained about whether the applicant uses complementary and/or alternative medicine, procedures, or techniques (acupuncture, dietary supplements, herbals, hypnosis, etc.).

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