APPENDIX XVIII

LICENSURE POLICY

Morehouse School of Medicine School Policy

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Title Licensure Requirements – Clinical Staff Effective 01/07 Revision 00

PURPOSE:

To determine compliance with medical licensure requirements for all employees of Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) and its affiliates.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Under the dean and Senior Vice president for Academic Affairs, all Department Chairs and the Executive Director of Morehouse Medical Associates (MMA) shall ensure compliance and implementation of this policy.

POLICY:

All Morehouse School of Medicine physicians must comply with Georgia Code # 43-34-26. Follow link to Georgia Code regarding Practicing Medicine without a License:

http://www.legis.state.ga.us/cgi-bin/gl_codes_detail.pl?code=1-1-1

(This link will automatically transfer to the LexisNexis site to search the Georgia State Code without a required login. Enter the code number (43-34-26) in the box, then click search)

The Code # 43-34-26 states, [in part], "If any person...shall attach the title 'MD', ...'Doctor', ...alone or in connection with other words...and shall not in any of these cases then possess a valid license to practice medicine under the laws of this state, he shall be deemed to be practicing medicine without complying with this chapter and shall be deemed in violation of this chapter."

MSM, its employees, faculty adjuncts and its affiliates in Georgia will comply with all applicable federal and state laws and the Medical Practice Act of the State of Georgia. It shall be the responsibility of the physician member to timely renew and maintain an active Georgia physician license.

State licensure or evidence of application for licensure shall be assured prior to being awarded a full time faculty appointment and shall be verified as a part of any subsequent reappointment process in conjunction with the policies established by the MSM Board of Trustees. Please follow the link below to the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners (CSBME) for <u>General Information About the Application Process</u>:

http://medicalboard.georgia.gov/00/channel_modifieddate/0,2096,26729866_27815308,00.html

All members of the physician faculty and clinical staff of Morehouse School of Medicine who

have responsibility for direct patient care in facilities operated by or affiliated with the school of medicine must be properly licensed, certified or registered in the State of <u>Georgia prior to</u> performing any clinical duties as required by their discipline.

Official correspondence and signatures of all physician faculty members should reflect the medical degree conferred. (i.e., MD, DO, MBBS, MBChB, etc.).

All centralized licensure information for MSM practicing physicians shall be maintained in the credentialing database of MMA. This information will be subject to review as required for the credentialing and verification processes associated with patient management.

Non-Physician Clinical Staff:

Non-physician clinical staff, including Psychologists, Social Workers, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, RN's, LVN/LPN's, and registered/licensed dietitians, must comply with the appropriate Georgia licensing agency for their respective disciplines, i.e. Georgia State Composite Board of Medical Examiners, Georgia Board of Nursing, Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians.

Exceptions

Exceptions to this policy must be requested and justified by the appropriate Chair and reported to the Dean and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. If approved, all exceptions must be corrected to the policy within 60 days.

There shall be no exceptions permitted regarding the licensure requirements as spelled out in the Georgia code.

By direction of the president:

Dean and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date