



High Desert Health System POLICY AND PROCEDURE

POLICY NUMBER: 642
VERSION: 1

SUBJECT: ABBREVIATED CREDENTIALING AND PRIVILEGING PROCEDURE FOR QUALIFIED PHYSICIAN MEMBERS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITAL MEDICAL STAFFS

PURPOSE: To outline the procedure for physicians who are current members in good standing of either the High Desert Hospital (“HDH”) Professional Staff Association or the medical staff of any other acute care hospital operated by the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (the “County”) to apply for clinical privileges at the High Desert Health System (“HDHS”) Primary Care/Community Clinic (“PC/CC”).

POLICY: Physicians who are members in good standing of either the HDH Professional Staff Association or the medical staff of any other County acute care hospital at the time of their application for clinical privileges at the HDHS PC/CC, may apply for clinical privileges according to the abbreviated procedures set forth in this policy. Except as provided herein, all HDHS PC/CC policies and procedures governing applicants and applications for clinical privileges generally apply to Qualified Physicians who submit applications pursuant to this policy.

DEFINITIONS:

“Qualified Physician” means a physician who is an active member in good standing of either the HDH Professional Staff Association or the medical staff of any other County acute care hospital at the time of his or her application for clinical privileges at the HDHS PC/CC.

PROCEDURE:

Qualified Physicians may apply for clinical privileges at the HDHS PC/CC using the abbreviated application form attached to this policy. Each Qualified Physician must complete the abbreviated application form in its entirety and submit any additional information requested by the HDHS PC/CC. Qualified Physicians bear the burden of showing that they are qualified for clinical privileges at the HDHS PC/CC and the HDHS PC/CC may, in its discretion, require any Qualified Physician to complete the credentialing application required of physicians who do not qualify for consideration under this policy.

By submitting the abbreviated application form, the applicant authorizes HDH and all other County facilities at which the applicant currently has or previously has had medical staff membership and/or clinical privileges to release to the HDHS PC/CC any and all information held by such facility in the applicant’s credentials file(s) or otherwise concerning the applicant.

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Abbreviated application forms submitted by Qualified Physicians pursuant to this policy shall be reviewed by the Medical Director acting on behalf of the PSA&C Committee. The Medical Director will make a recommendation to the Governing Body, or its authorized delegate, to either approve, deny, or take other appropriate action on each application.

Initial clinical privileges granted pursuant to this policy shall expire on the same date on which the applicant's existing medical staff membership at either HDH or any other County hospital, as applicable, is scheduled to expire, notwithstanding early expiration of such medical staff membership due to closure of HDH. In the event that an applicant has medical staff memberships at both HDH and another County hospital, the clinical privileges granted pursuant to this policy shall expire on the same date on which the applicant's HDH medical staff membership is scheduled to expire, notwithstanding early expiration of such medical staff membership due to closure of HDH.

Upon expiration of the clinical privileges granted to a Qualified Physician pursuant to this policy, such physician shall be subject to the same renewal procedures as apply to HDHS PC/CC physicians generally.

Qualified Physicians granted clinical privileges pursuant to this policy shall be subject to all applicable policies and procedures, rules and regulations of the HDHS PC/CC and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services.

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