DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



SUBJECT: MEDICAL RESPONSIBILITY

POLICY NO. 310

PURPOSE:: To assure physician responsibility for the medical aspects of Department patient

care program.

POLICY: Whenever a program of patient care is administered by a non-physician, a

physician shall direct the medical aspect of the program. This responsibility shall

include:

1. Supervision of direct medical care of patients.

2. The quality of direct medical care.

GUIDE:: Medical directors at the Department, regional and hospital levels, shall have the

medical responsibility at their respective organizational levels.

Program administrators who are physicians at the outpatient clinic level shall carry

out these responsibilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Jan 05, 1976 **SUPERCEDES:**

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