

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**SUBJECT:** VOLUNTEER PHYSICIANS**POLICY NO.** 394

PURPOSE:: To establish the Department's policy relating to volunteer physicians' services. To recognize the value of volunteer physicians' services while ensuring that the assignment of direct patient care responsibilities to these physicians does not conflict with the care and treatment of County patients.

POLICY:: Volunteer physicians shall become members of the facility's Professional Staff Association and/or medical staff and shall be subject to all bylaws, rules and regulations, and policies.

Volunteer physicians providing or supervising patient care shall be scheduled for specific days and duties, as applicable.

If a volunteer physician is unable to meet his/her pre-assigned patient care or supervision obligations to the County, he/she shall immediately notify his/her physician supervisors (e.g., Clinic Director, Division Chief, Department Chair or the Medical Director) who shall be responsible to ensure that appropriate provisions are made to safeguard the continuity of care for patients under the direct care of this volunteer physician.

Volunteer physicians may act as resident supervisors subject to the provisions of the Supervision of Resident's Guidelines initially published by the Department in February 1997 and including any subsequent revisions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Jun 01, 1999

SUPERCEDES:

APPROVED: Signature on File
