

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES**  
**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES****SUBJECT:** PROVISION OF ACADEMIC STIPENDS TO COUNTY-EMPLOYED PHYSICIANS**POLICY NO. 395**

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**PURPOSE::** To establish a policy and process by which the eligibility of physicians working for the Department of Health Services to receive an academic stipend is determined.**POLICY::** To be eligible to receive an academic stipend through a medical school affiliation agreement, a County-employed physician must be providing a service through the Department's contractual relationship with one of the three schools of medicine. The Director of Health Services must determine that the work being done is necessary to carry forth the mission of the Department of Health Services. Such stipends will be available only to Department of Health Services physician personnel and solely upon the written discretion of the Director of Health Services.

In instances where the services are to be provided by a non-hospital-based physician, such services must be described and a scope of work developed to support the activity. Additionally, the services to be provided must be related to the supervision and teaching of medical residents providing care to County-responsible patients and outside the normal scope of the physician in question's County duties. Any such statement of work must be explicit in the responsibilities of the physician and the sum of County resources that will be utilized to pay the stipend for those services. The medical school affiliation agreement must be amended to include and specifically identify the position for which the stipend is being provided.

An academic stipend may be paid to a non-hospital-based physician only upon written approval by the Director of Health Services and upon notification of the Board of Supervisors.

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