

Board Meeting  
November 16, 2017

AMEND THE MEDICAL STAFF BYLAWS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES SYSTEM

**Action:** Approve Proposed Changes to the Medical Staff Bylaws

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Medical Staff of the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System (UI Hospital) recommends revisions to the Medical Staff Bylaws, in consultation with the Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois, and the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs. Under the Bylaws, the Medical Staff must review its bylaws to determine whether any changes or amendments need to be made in order to maintain compliance with accreditation standards, federal and State laws, and current medical staff policies, procedures and practices. The Bylaws Committee of the Medical Staff is also responsible for reviewing any proposals for amendments to the bylaws.

The amendments described below and included in the attached documents were recommended by the Bylaws Committee to the Medical Staff Executive Committee (MSEC) and to the members of the Medical Staff. In accordance with the bylaws, the amendments were voted on and approved by the MSEC on November 3, 2017, and the

Medical Staff members on November 8, 2017. Per the Bylaws, amendments become effective only when approved by the Board of Trustees.

Both the edited version of the bylaws as well as the final draft document are submitted for consideration. The substantive changes are summarized below, including the specific Articles and Sections to be amended and the reasons for the proposed changes.

**I. Article III, Section 1 – Performance of the History and Physical (Page 4)**

The proposed amendment restores from a prior version of the Bylaws the term “physician” to clarify that physicians, including resident physicians, may perform history and physician examinations in addition to other practitioners who are credentialed and privileged.

**II. Article III, Section 2 – Medical Screening Examination (Page 6)**

The proposed new Section has been added to comply with the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA), which requires that a hospital’s bylaws or rules and regulations determine which individuals are qualified to perform a medical screening exam under EMTALA. This is language taken from an existing UI Hospital policy.

**III. Article V, Section 3.C – Temporary Privileges (Page 18)**

The proposed language clarifies that temporary privileges, which are granted for up to 120 days, may be renewed beyond the 120 day period, but only on a case by case basis when there is an important patient care, treatment, and service need that mandates an immediate authorization to practice, or when a new applicant with a complete application that raises no concerns is awaiting review and approval of the MSEC and the Board of Trustees while the full credentials information is verified and approved. Examples would include, but are not limited to: (1) situation where a physician becomes ill or takes a leave of absence and another practitioner would need to cover his/her practice until he/she returns, or (2) a specific practitioner has the necessary skills to provide care to a patient that a practitioner currently privileged does not possess.

**IV. Article VIII, Section 1.B.10 – Right to Hearing and Review (Page 34)**

This change is being proposed to comply with the University's contracted managed care organizations' delegated credentialing requirements and the National Committee for Quality Assurance accreditation standards. The revised language permits a member of the Medical Staff to be represented by legal counsel during a hearing. If the Medical Staff member chooses to be represented by an attorney, then the MSEC and the hearing panel shall also be entitled to legal representation.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University concurs.