

Board Meeting  
March 16, 2016

## AMEND THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS HOSPITAL MEDICAL STAFF BYLAWS

Action: Amend the University of Illinois Hospital Medical Staff Bylaws

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Medical Staff of the University of Illinois Hospital recommends revisions to the Medical Staff Bylaws. 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 and to the members of the Medical Staff. In accordance with the bylaws, the amendments were voted on and approved by the Medical Staff members on December 10, 2015. Amendments become effective only when approved by the Board of Trustees.

Both the edited version of the bylaws as well as the final 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. The revised documents also include non-substantive revisions not described

below, such as formatting changes, movement and renumbering of articles and sections, and updates to the table of contents.

- **Performance of the History and Physical--Article III, Section 1 (Page 4)**. The proposed revisions to this Section clarify that a history and physical may be performed by a physician or other individual in accordance with applicable law, policies and procedures and the Bylaws.
- **General Qualifications--Article IV, Section 1(A) (Page 6)**. This Section has been amended to extend the effective date for certification in Basic Life Support (BLS) as a requirement of Medical Staff membership from January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2016.
- **Provisional Members--Article IV, Section 3(I) (Pages 12-13)**. The revised draft deleted the category of Provisional Members of the Medical Staff and the requirement that the first year of the initial two year appointment to any class of Medical Staff membership be considered provisional (*i.e.*, no right to vote or hold office). All references to provisional membership were deleted in the proposed draft.
- **Medical Staff Appointment/Reappointment/Clinical Privileges--New Article V (Page 19)**. Certain sections have been moved, with no substantive changes, from Article IV, Membership and placed under a newly created Article V, Medical Staff Appointment/Reappointment/Clinical Privileges. The sections moved include Temporary Privileges, Telemedicine Privileges, and Emergency (Disaster) Privileges.
- **Notification of Initial Appointment to the Medical Staff and Delineation of Clinical Privileges--Article V, Section 1(E) (Page 20)**. This time period for the Chair of the Credentials Committee in conjunction with the Chief Medical Officer to notify an applicant of an action taken has been modified from 60 days to 15 days. The revised time period is consistent with the requirement that has been in the Rules and Regulations and also current policies and practice.
- **Expedited Process for Appointment, Reappointment and Privileging--Article V, Section 7 (Pages 29-30)**. The Joint Commission requires that the organized medical staff develop criteria for an expedited process for granting privileges and initial appointments

to membership, reappointment, or modification of privileges. Such expedited process cannot be used in certain situations delineated by the Joint Commission. This new Section has been added to comply with the Joint Commission standard and to document the current Medical Staff process, which has been in place since 2010. Under the established expedited process, the Medical Staff Executive Committee, after receiving positive recommendations from the Chief of the Clinical Service in which the applicant would be a member, and the Chairman of the Credentials Committee, may forward its positive recommendation to any two individual voting members of the University Healthcare System Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois for each's final decision. This is done pursuant to a delegation by the Board of Trustees approved on March 10, 2010.

An applicant qualifies for this expedited process if he or she meets the following standards, which are set forth by the Joint Commission and listed in the proposed new bylaws provision:

- The applicant submits a complete and verified application which provides all necessary or required information and all primary source verification procedures have been completed. The Medical Staff Executive Committee makes a positive recommendation without any limitations.
- There are no current or previously successful challenges to the applicant's licensure or registration.
- The applicant has not been subject to any involuntary termination or summary suspension of Medical Staff Membership or Clinical Privileges at another hospital.
- The applicant has not been subject to any involuntary limitation, reduction, denial or loss of membership or Clinical Privileges at the Hospital or any other hospital.
- There has not been an unusual pattern or excessive number of professional liability actions resulting in a final adverse judgment entered against the applicant.

If the applicant does not meet the requirements listed above, then the appointment, reappointment and privileging decision must be voted on by the full Board of Trustees.

- **Resignation/Leave of Absence--Article VI (Pages 30-31)**. A new Article VI was created for the existing sections Resignation and Leave of Absence and Reinstatement After Resignation or Leave of Absence in Good Standing, without substantive change.

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.