



San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium San Antonio, Texas

Fellow Acting as a Licensed Independent Practitioner

General:

A. SAUSHEC fellows are physicians and other healthcare providers enrolled in a sponsored education program to obtain advance training beyond a primary specialty. Fellows must possess the same qualifications as similarly trained staff members applying to be privileged as a Licensed Independent Practitioner (LIP) in that primary specialty. However, SAUSHEC fellows are in a "training" status. So, in general, they must be supervised when they practice within their fellowship. Therefore, most fellows who gain privileges will not function as an LIP, but rather continue in a fully supervised state throughout training.

B. SAUSHEC also recognizes that some unique training programs have trainees that need to maintain currency in their primary specialty while completing advanced training. SAUSHEC will consider allowing select programs to request fellows practice as LIPs, at times, if specifically endorsed by the SAUSHEC Graduate Medical Education Committee or Graduate Allied Health Education Committee, as appropriate. Final approval to grant privileges as an LIP rests with each site's Credentialing Committee. Programs must submit a request which demonstrates compliance with the following criteria:

1. Provide rationale why the program's fellow would need to function, at times, as LIPs. The program must also explain how the program and the fellow would benefit, that such activities would not negatively impact the program or the fellow, and would not have negative accreditation ramifications (if applicable).
2. Clearly define the times (including time limits - no more than x days per/time period) and specific settings where the fellow would be practicing as an LIP.
3. Describe the plan for communicating with faculty, support staff, and patients when the fellow is practicing as an unsupervised LIP.
4. Clearly define thresholds when the fellow would revert from an unsupervised LIP to a supervised trainee. In such cases, responsibility for the patient's care will be transferred to a qualified provider.
5. Obtain approval by the sending training program's Program Director (PD) to allow the trainee to practice as an LIP.

6. Obtain approval by the receiving training program's PD to allow the LIP to function as faculty (if applicable).

7. Identify those who will be responsible for completion of Ongoing Provider Practice Evaluations (OPPE) and assurances that the fellow will meet practice minimums required to remain a privileged provider.

8. Submit of a by-name memo containing above information, acknowledged by individual fellow, signed by PD, and approved by the Dean and BAMC CMO and/or 59MDW SGH.

9. Fellow will submit the memo with privileging package. A copy of memo will be placed in fellow's GME training folder.