Title: OHP: Authorization for Individuals to Provide Services as Other Health Professionals

| Patient Age Group: | (X) N/A | ( ) All Ages | ( ) Newborns | ( ) Pediatric | ( ) Adult |

DESCRIPTION/OVERVIEW
To outline individuals who are authorized to provide care as Other Health Professional (OHP), as well as describe which categories of individuals will be processed as OHP.

PURPOSE
To outline individuals who are authorized to provide care as OHP, as well as describe the categories of individuals who will be processed as OHP.

POLICY
UNM Sandoval Regional Medical Center allows Other Health Professionals (OHPs) to provide patient care services as permitted by law and accreditation regulation, and in keeping with all applicable rules, policies and procedures of the institution. An appropriate authorization process is followed to ensure that any individual providing patient care has the required education, training, licensure/certification and competency requirements.

Questions about this policy can be addressed to the Medical Staff Office.

DEFINITIONS

Other Health Professionals (OHP)
OHPs, not identified as Allied Health Professional Members, but requiring credentialing will be processed per this written policy. OHPs are individuals who have been authorized to provide clinical care or service at SRMC, and a reason for credentialing has been established. These individuals include, but are not limited to, the following categories:

- Audiologist (AU)
- Certified Asthma Educator (CAE)
- Certified Developmental Disabilities Nurse (CDDN)
- Certified Registered Nurse First Assists (CRNFA)
- Dental Assistants (DA)
- Genetic Counselor (GC)
- Licensed Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counselor (LADAC)
- Licensed Dietician (LD)
- Licensed Independent Social Worker (LISW)
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)
- Licensed Mental Health Technician (LMHT)
- Licensed Masters Social Work (LMSW)
- Licensed Massage Therapist (LMT)
• Licensed Nutritionist (LN)
• Licensed Professional Art Therapist (LPAT)
• Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)
• Occupational Therapist (OT)
• Pathology Assistant (Path Asst)
• PhD, Pathology
• PhD, Pre-Licensed
• PhD, Radiology
• Physical Therapy (PT)
• Registered Dietician (RD)
• Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH)
• Speech Language Pathologist (SLP)

PROCEDURE

I. Credentialing Other Health Professionals (OHPs)

a. Applicants for appointment and reappointment as OHP should complete the UNM Health System Credentialing Application at the time of appointment and reappointment. (If employed by SRMC at the time of offer acceptance to Human Resources, then the applicant can complete the application for appointment and reappoint.)
b. For each category of OHP, there should be a sponsoring Clinical Department. The Department will submit the application and supporting documentation to the Medical Staff Office.
c. Each OHP Category must be documented in this policy, and have a corresponding OHP Description form approved by the Credentials Committee (see attachment A). The application for appointment and reappointment should include a copy of the OHP Description including applicant specific information.
d. Upon submission of the application and documents outlined on the OHP checklist, the Medical Staff Office, or delegate will process the application and forward to the Credentialing Committee for approval.
e. Credentials Committee will be the final approval body for authorization of services by the OHP.
f. The Medical Staff Office will request a billing number for the OHP upon approval by Credentials Committee.

II. Framework for Establishing OHP Categories

This framework shall include at least the following on the OHP Description:

Title
a. NM License
b. Training/Qualifications, including specific guidelines regarding certification, licensure, etc.
c. Scope of services, which may be outlined on the job description.
d. Level of supervision, which may be outlined on the job description.
e. Standardized procedures as appropriate, which may be outlined on the job description.
f. Method for evaluating competency to perform scope of services.

g. Applicant Specific Information:
   - Name
   - Reason for Credentialing
   - Employer/Department
   - Supervisor responsible for monitoring and documenting performance and Quality Oversight Function.

The sponsoring Department will submit the OHP Description to the Credentialing Committee for approval. Upon approval of the OHP Description, the category will be added to this policy.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

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ATTACHMENTS

A. OHP Description Form