

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

Privileging of Licensed Independent Practitioners During Emergency Events

POLICY: It is the policy of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center to allow volunteer licensed independent practitioners (LIP) to provide care and treatment to patients seeking treatment in the event of an emergency event (disaster).

PROCEDURE:

- A.** Individuals holding a valid license to practice medicine may volunteer to provide services during an emergency event. The scope of services provided must be within the individual's scope of practice as outlined by their state board, and the individual must have a valid, current license on file with their appropriate state board.
- B.** Any LIP volunteering to provide services during an emergency event shall report to the Physician Labor Pool (main cafeteria) and fill out the Volunteer Physicians Credentialing Log. The volunteer shall provide one of the following means of identification:
 - 1. Current license to practice.
 - 2. Current picture hospital ID accompanied by the LIP's license number.
 - 3. Verification of the volunteer practitioner's identity by a current member of the hospital's medical staff.
- C.** Upon presentation of appropriate identification, the privilege to provide patient care during the emergency event may be granted by Medical Director / designee.
- D.** The Physician's Labor Pool will be responsible to see that the volunteer LIP's name, title and license number (if immediately available) will be documented and forwarded to the Medical Staff Office. Upon receipt, as time permits relative to the emergency event, the Medical Staff Office will verify the LIP's licensure with his/her appropriate state board. The Medical Staff Office will keep the name, title and license number of the volunteer LIP on file for future reference if needed.
- E.** The volunteer LIP shall be assigned to an area of need based on his scope of practice and be under the direction of an LSUHSC medical staff physician.