



# KERN HEALTH SYSTEMS

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<b>POLICY AND PROCEDURES</b>					
SUBJECT: Medical Students/Mid-level Students				POLICY #: 4.17-P	
DEPARTMENT: Provider Relations					
Effective Date: 2008-08	Review/Revised Date: <i>03/20/2015</i>	DMHC		PAC	
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**POLICY:**

Kern Health Systems (KHS) recognizes there may be medical students or mid-level practitioner students that rotate through physician practices. This policy is to define Kern Health Systems' expectations of physician/clinic as it relates to the involvement of medical students or mid-level students in their practice.

**PROCEDURES:**

KHS does not discourage physician/clinic involvement in training programs. However, if a physician/clinic is going to allow students in the clinic setting the physician/clinic should ensure that medical/mid-level student(s) in clinical settings always have appropriately supervised patient care to ensure safety of patient and student; that the students' duties are within the scope of practice, and that

the level of the students' responsibility is appropriate. KHS must be notified in writing of any relationship between the clinic/physician and the training institution. Notice shall be submitted to:

Kern Health Systems  
Director of Provider Relations  
9700 Stockdale Highway  
Bakersfield, CA 93311

In addition; supervising entity must ensure the following:

1. Students must identify themselves as such, and never refer to themselves as a physician.
2. Students of any kind in the facility may not be under the supervision of any mid-level practitioner. They must be under the direct supervision of a credentialed, licensed Kern Health Systems Physician. Direct supervision is defined as the physician being involved by reviewing records and supervising the treatment. The physician must be present while any treatment is being rendered to the patient at any point in the visit.
3. Patients should be given the opportunity to consent to or refuse to have students participate in their care. Consent must be documented in the medical record.
4. Students must hold in confidence any information they may learn about patients
5. Students, in the private clinic setting, are observers and should not be placed in situations where they provide care or perform procedures for which they are not qualified and not adequately supervised.

Any charting or recording of medical information, physical examination, diagnosis and/or treatment that is done by a student and included in a patient's medical record must be immediately reviewed, corrected, countersigned, timed and dated by the training physician as to accuracy, as the chart is an official medical record.

#### **REFERENCE:**

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**Revision 2015-03:** Minor revisions provided by Director of Provider Relations. Review initiated by the Compliance Department. **Revision 2010-06:** Reviewed by Director of Claims and Provider Relations. No substantial changes required. **Revision 2008-08:** Policy amended by Dr. Michael at June 2008 Board Meeting. Policy created by KHS Medical Director. Policy has been approved in the PAC Committee 3-12-08.