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To: Health Care Providers and Educational Entities Which Participate in Clinical Affiliation Relationships

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Re: Standard Clinical Affiliation Agreement Project

The South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium (SMHEC) spearheaded a project to develop the **Standard Clinical Affiliation Agreement** for use by health care providers and educational programs. This Agreement is designed to minimize the extent to which providers and educational entities need to customize an affiliation agreement for every health care program requiring a clinical rotation thereby reducing the personnel time spent on contract review, and freeing the staff to focus their efforts on other critical activities. The expeditious signing of the agreements places students in clinical rotations faster, allowing them more time to plan and organize their schedules and their lives.

A task force including: SMHEC, Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council (MCHC), Illinois Hospital Association (IHA), Illinois Coalition for Nursing Resources (ICNR), and hospital staff and educators representing the entire metropolitan Chicago area participated in the development and review of this document. A number of hospitals and colleges in the Chicago Southland region volunteered to pilot the document for one year, beginning in the summer of 2006. As a part of the pilot process the document went through a series of reviews and revisions by attorneys, hospital and college staff. The year long pilot has just been completed and the document is now available in updated form for use in Illinois colleges, universities and health care institutions which provide clinical experiences.

The document drafters included Associate General Counsel for Advocate Health Care, Mary Ellen Cherry, Northern Illinois University Vice President and General Counsel Kenneth L. Davidson and NIU Assistant University Counsel Laura Anderson and Dianne M. Kronika, Assistant to General Counsel at Governors State University; all of whom have considerable experience with affiliation agreements. The membership of the task force which developed this Agreement and the list of institutions currently using the piloted form of the Agreement are listed on the pages immediately following this memo.

Here are some of the concepts that guided the development of the Standard Clinical Affiliation Agreement, for your perspective in reviewing it:

1. The Agreement is framed both broadly and comprehensively, in hopes that it will be useful to and used by the majority of Illinois health care providers and educational programs when entering into clinical affiliation relationships. Thus, addressing a common point of concern, the Agreement contemplates that the higher education entity will provide proof to the health care facility that students have student professional liability coverage while participating in the

clinical experience. On another often discussed issue, the Agreement states, in lieu of providing for indemnification or cross-indemnification as between parties, that neither party shall be legally liable for bodily injury or property damage occasioned by an act, omission, or neglect chargeable to the other party.

2. The Agreement is intended for use with any health care program that requires a clinical rotation. It may be used to cover multiple facilities and programs by listing them as included Facility Sites and Programs in respective Exhibits A and B to the Agreement. The Agreement also includes an Exhibit C to identify program-specific requirements.

3. The drafters recognize that contracting health care providers and educational programs may on occasion need to add specific provisions to the Agreement to address unique features presented by particular affiliation arrangements. (An example would be the requirement of some religiously-affiliated providers that health care workers agree not to take actions inconsistent with ethical precepts of the church or religious entity involved.)

4. The Agreement will accommodate evolving best practices and anticipated future requirements of the accrediting bodies. For instance, paragraph A.6 includes the requirement for criminal background checks and drug screening currently in effect at a number of clinical sites.

Any questions concerning this project or the Standard Clinical Affiliation Agreement document may be addressed to Genny Boesen at g-boesen@govst.edu or 708-534-4984.

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Institutions currently using the Standard Affiliation Agreement
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Colleges and Universities

College of DuPage
College of Lake County
Governors State University
Joliet Junior College
Moraine Valley Community College
Northern Illinois University
Olivet Nazarene University
Prairie State College
Purdue University-Calumet
St. Xavier University
University of St. Francis

Health Care Facilities

Accelerated Rehabilitation Centers	Action for Kids
Advantage Hearing Center	Advocate Christ Medical Center
Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital	Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital
Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center	Advocate Lutheran General Hospital
Advocate South Suburban Hospital	Advocate Trinity Hospital
AERO Special Education Cooperative	Because We Care Too
Bourbonnais School Dist. # 53	Bradley School District #61
Cicero School District #99	Comm. Cons. School Dist #180
Community Therapy Services	Core Center
Eisenhower Cooperative	El Rincon Community Clinic
Evergreen Healthcare (Adv Therapy and Rehab)	Grundy County Special Ed. Cooperative
Hearing Things	Holy Cross Hospital
Ingalls Home Care	Illinois Masonic Children's Home
Illinois School of Professional Psychology	Innovative Care Therapy Center
Inst of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	Krejci Academy
Lake County Addictions	LaRabida Children's Hospital
Lincolnway Special Ed. Coop. #843	Mackinaw Valley Special Education
McDonald PT and Sports Rehabilitation	Methodist Hospitals
METT Therapy Services, Inc.	Monroe Medical Center
Mount Sinai Hospital-Schwab Rehab Center	Munster Medical Inn
NIA-Northwestern Illinois Association	Northwestern Memorial Hospital
North Side Health Network	Oak Lawn School District #122
Palos School District #118	Plainfield School District #202
Professional Physical Therapy, PC	Rehab Care
Riverside Health Care	Saltcreek Elementary District #48
Sandridge School	Select Rehabilitation
Silver Cross Hospital	Small Talk Therapy
Smith Crossing Retirement Center	South Central Community Services
South Sub. Disproportionate Minority Confinement	South Will County Special Ed. Coop.
Special Therapy Care	St. Francis Hospital & Health Center
St. James Medical Centers	St. Mary Medical Center, Inc.

Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities
Universal Family Connection, Inc.
Westlake Special Education Coop.

Therapy Works
WellGroup Health Partners
Will County Health Department

Health Care Programs

Addictions studies
Communication disorders
Nursing
Occupational Therapy
Physical Therapy
Social Work
Radiology technicians
Operating Room technicians