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**Revised:**

**Approved by:**

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**Subject:** MMC PA Program Clinical Supervision of PA Students Policy.

**PURPOSE:**

**The purpose of this policy is:**

To define parameters of clinical supervision of PA students during SCPEs.

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

Clinical supervision is an oversight activity provided by supervising preceptor(s) to a student in a clinical setting. This relationship has the simultaneous purposes of instruction, feedback, summative assessment, and patient safety. Supervision is exercised through observation, consultation, questioning, directing the learning of the student, and role modeling. The supervision of MMC PA student clinical learning experiences is to ensure patient and student safety and be provided throughout required clinical rotations by each preceptor.

It is expected that a designated supervising preceptor is available for supervision during all times that a student is engaged in patient care activities. Residents and fellows are authorized to participate in student supervision as delegated by the supervising preceptor.

The primary responsibility for the patient is vested with the supervising preceptor and may not be delegated to a student. Supervised activities must be within the scope of practice of the supervising preceptor. Ultimately, it is the decision of the supervising preceptor as to which activities the student will be allowed to perform. This decision should be based on a variety of factors including the complexity of the patient case or activity, the potential for untoward effects, the student level of training, and the demonstrated competence, maturity and responsibility of each student in order to ensure the safety and comfort of the patient. The overriding consideration must be student safety and the safe and effective care of the patient.

In the event the designated preceptor(s) may be a group practice with other qualified clinicians, it is acceptable for students to work with their clinician partners or associates of the designated preceptor if the preceptor has accepted responsibility.

**DEFINITIONS:**

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**PROCEDURE:**

**Inadequate Supervision**

In the event the student is asked or expected to perform without adequate or appropriate supervision, the student must politely but firmly decline, and then contact the Clinical Education Director.

**EXHIBITS:**