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FACILITY:	HSHS St. Vincent Hospital HSHS St. Mary's Hospital HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital HSHS St. Clare Hospital	MANUAL: Medical Staff
TITLE:	Medical Staff and AHP Treatment of Self or Immediate Family Members	ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Medical Staff Services
SUPERSEDES:	SVGB 200-01-013 SMGB A-1059 SNS --- SCO ---	POLICY NUMBER: MS-013

I. POLICY:

Medical Staff Members (MSM) and Allied Health Professionals (AHP) shall not provide hospital treatment for themselves or members of their immediate families except in the following situations: 1) in the case of an emergency (when there is no other qualified physician available); 2) self-pay lab studies; 3) self-pay diagnostic radiology studies.

II. PURPOSE:

To comply with the American Medical Association's ethical opinion (E-8.19) that physicians generally should not treat themselves or members of their immediate family.

To avoid audits and or denials from payers. (Medicare Rule 42 C.F.R. 411.12)

To comply with Wisconsin's Uniform Controlled Substance Act (WI Statute {961-38(5)}).

III. DEFINITIONS:

- A. Treatment – includes obtaining a medical history, completing physical examinations, obtaining informed consent, performing surgical or other invasive procedures, ordering diagnostic tests (excluding self-pay lab or diagnostic radiology studies) or therapeutic procedures, and writing prescriptions for controlled substances.
- B. Immediate family – means any of the following: husband or wife, domestic partner, natural or adoptive parent child or sibling, stepparent, stepchild, stepbrother or stepsister, father-in-law or mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law, grandparent or grandchild and spouse of grandparent or grandchild.

IV. GUIDELINES/PROCEDURES:

- A. Medical Staff Members (MSM) and Allied Health Professionals (AHP) shall not serve as the primary, attending or admitting provider for themselves, immediate family members, or individuals with whom they have a close relationship (such as a domestic partner or fiancé) who are inpatients.
- B. MSM and AHP who are accompanying immediate family members (or individuals with whom they have a close relationship) receiving health care services in the hospital, are allowed in patient rooms or treatment areas like other non-provider family members.
- C. Provider access to hospital medical records for their immediate family members (or individuals with whom they have a close relationship) is done in accordance with the hospital's Health Information Management and HIPAA policies.

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D. If a MSM/AHP orders self-pay lab or diagnostic radiology tests for him/herself or a family member, an order is required and the registration is completed as a self-pay account.

V. DISTRIBUTION:

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