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FACILITY: HSHS St. Vincent Hospital HSHS St. Mary's Hospital HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital HSHS St. Clare Hospital HSHS Libertas Treatment Center	MANUAL: Medical Staff
TITLE: Expedited Credentialing	ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Medical Staff Services
SUPERSEDES:	POLICY NUMBER: MS-032

I. POLICY:

The policy is to maximize the efficiency of the Medical Staff and Allied Health Professional credentialing process wherever possible. Upon receipt of a complete application, reappointment request or modification request with a request for expedited credentialing, and after all credentialing, verification, and documentation collection is complete in Medical Staff Services; the credentialing packets that meet criteria will be forwarded for approval.

II. PURPOSE:

Expedited credentialing is intended to accelerate the credentialing approval process for appointments, reappointments and modifications of privileges that meet minimum approved criteria following completion of the full credentialing process as defined in the Medical Staff Bylaws Credentials Policy and Policy on Allied Health Professionals.

III. GUIDELINES/PROCEDURES:

A. An expedited credentialing process may be granted if the following conditions are met:

1. Medical Staff Services has received a completed application from the applicant requesting expedited credentialing.
2. The file must meet the following criteria:
 - a. No negative or questionable evaluations or recommendations from hospitals, healthcare organizations, practitioners or former employers;
 - b. No involuntary termination, limitation, reduction, denial, or loss of appointment or privileges at any other hospital or other entity;
 - c. No discrepancies between information provided by applicant or references.
 - d. Satisfactory completion of all education and training;
 - e. No disciplinary action or legal sanctions;
 - f. No sanctions by third-party payers (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid);
 - g. No unusual pattern of, or an excessive number of, professional liability actions resulting in final malpractice judgments or settlements against the applicant in the past five years;
 - h. Unremarkable medical staff/employment history;
 - i. Acceptable health status;
 - j. No prior or pending criminal convictions or pending criminal charges or investigations or felony convictions;
 - k. Clinical privileges requested are consistent with the applicant's specialty, based on appropriate experience, training, competence and, meet established departmental criteria;
 - l. Appropriate application fees are received, if applicable;
 - m. No current or previously successful challenges to any license/registration/certification to practice within the scope of training;
 - n. Current licensure issued by the appropriate [Wisconsin] licensing authority;

