

TITLE: Exemption from Call – Medical Staff Policy

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The Medical Executive Committee recognizes its responsibility to the community served by PSHMC to provide emergency call coverage in the services offered at PSHMC. PSHMC bylaws state that exemptions from call are granted at the discretion of the MEC at the recommendation of the Department Chair.

Exemptions will be considered by the Medical Executive Committee, upon request from the physician, for the following reasons:

1. Age: Physician is 60 years of age and has served on the staff continuously for 15 years. When such requests are received, the department chair will query those taking call in that specialty category for approval or non-approval. The results of this query will be reviewed by the Medical Executive Committee along with the recommendation of the Department Chair. These requests should be made three months in advance of the date requested to be released from call.
2. Temporary exemptions may be granted for a practitioner's or an immediate family member's health issue. These exemption recommendations will be made to the Medical Executive Committee by the Department Chair. Partners or those in the call arrangement plan for the practitioner would be responsible to provide call coverage until the next call schedule is issued.

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Medical Staff Office Procedure:

1. Place original letter in Credentials file w/notation that the request is in process.
2. Verify that physician has reached his/her 60th birthday and verify that s/he has been on staff continuously for 15 years.
3. Forward to Department Chair for direction in querying the call group. Provide copy of the following:
 - a. Current ED call schedule for the specialty
 - b. Specialty roster, including all status, from MD-Staff
4. If approved, place on Credentials Report for Credentials recommendation and MEC action. (If not approved, forward to MEC for information.)
5. Final disposition to be noted in credentials file.

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