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REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO PHILADELPHIA GENERAL HOSPITAL

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SECTION I - ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS TO BE INTERPRETED IN THE LIGHT
OF THE PURPOSES OF THE PHILADELPHIA GENERAL HOSPITAL

The admission requirements hereinafter set forth shall be interpreted to obtain maximum effectiveness in accomplishing the purpose for which the Philadelphia General Hospital is operated. These admission requirements shall be applied without any distinction based on race, color, religion or national origin. The City of Philadelphia operates the Philadelphia General Hospital for the following purposes:

- A. To provide hospital care for the sick.
- B. To provide emergency hospital care for all persons who require such care.
- C. To protect the health of the people of the City of Philadelphia by providing for isolation and hospital care of persons afflicted with contagious disease.
- D. To provide hospital care for City employees when the necessity for hospitalization is causally related to their City employment.
- E. To provide for the training of those who would serve the sick and injured.
- F. To provide for the advancement of knowledge of the cause and cure of disease.
- G. To participate in the prevention of disease and in the education of the public in matters pertaining to health and disease.

SECTION II - REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

All persons in need of hospital care shall be eligible for admission to the Philadelphia General Hospital. Subject to the overall determination made by the Department of Public Health from time to time of the capacity of City hospitals and the types of persons and the proportions of each to be received therein, the following general requirements shall determine the eligibility of an individual for admission to the Hospital:

A. Need for Hospital Care

Need for hospital care shall be established. The determination of such need shall be made by the Executive Director or his designee on the basis of a medical examination of the applicant. Hospital care may continue so long as the need thereof exists and facilities continue to be available. The Executive Director shall make his determination with due regard to all pertinent circumstances, including the extent to which facilities are required for other persons eligible for hospitalization at the Philadelphia General Hospital.

B. First Priority Admissions for Philadelphia Residents Unable to Pay for Hospital Care Elsewhere

When the Hospital's facilities allocated to care for a particular medical need are less than those required for eligible persons seeking admission to such facilities, first priority in admissions shall be given to those Philadelphia residents who are unable to pay for requisite hospital care elsewhere. The determination of such inability shall be made by the Executive Director or his designee acting on income scales adopted by the Board of Trustees

from time to time, or occasioned by the need of the individual. All persons covered by the Public Assistance and Medical Assistance Programs of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be presumed to meet these criteria without additional evaluation.

C. Exceptions to Requirement of Establishing Inability to Pay for Hospital Care Elsewhere in Order to Receive First Priority Admissions

The requirement that an individual be unable to pay for hospital care elsewhere in order to receive first priority in admissions shall be waived in the following circumstances or for the following persons:

1. Mental Illness

Any person with a mental illness who might because of this mental illness endanger either the community or himself or herself if allowed freedom.

2. Communicable Disease Isolation and Quarantine

Any person suffering from or exposed to any communicable disease when, in the opinion of the Health Commissioner or his designee, isolation or quarantine and hospital care are required to protect the health of the people of the City of Philadelphia.

3. Tuberculosis or Any Other Disease of Special Community Significance

Any person suffering from tuberculosis or from any other disease specified by the Department of Public Health as having special community significance.

4. Emergency Need for Hospital Care

Any person needing hospital care in an emergency; for the purposes of this regulation, an emergency shall exist when, in the opinion of the Executive Director or his designee, the individual's life would be endangered or his health impaired if required to obtain hospital care elsewhere.

5. Full-Time Participants in PGH Training and Education Programs

Student nurses; practical nurse trainees; dietetic interns; student x-ray and laboratory technicians; medical and dental interns and residents..

6. Other PGH Employees

All regular members of the staff of the Philadelphia General Hospital.

7. Compensation Cases

Employees of the City of Philadelphia who require hospital care for treatment of compensable injuries or disease; for the purposes of this regulation, a compensable injury or disease shall have the same meaning as provided under the Pennsylvania Workmen's Compensation Act and the Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act, both as amended.

SECTION III

This regulation is not intended to control the charges made by the Philadelphia General Hospital for hospital care or the collection of such charges.

SECTION IV

Eligibility for admission of persons under special circumstances and of persons not specifically covered by this regulation shall be determined by the Executive Director; provided that the Executive Director shall notify the Department of Public Health concerning his determination. Such determination shall continue in force until the Department of Public Health shall adopt an applicable regulation

This is a joint regulation of the Board of Health and the Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia General Hospital. It supersedes the previous Regulation Governing Requirements for Admission to the Philadelphia General Hospital, and amendments.

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