

**SAA 007 LCME 12.5 Health Services Providers and Medical Students  
Accessing Health Services Policy**

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**Responsible for Oversight:** Student Affairs & Admissions  
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**Approved by:**



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### Definitions

**HIPAA:** The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act – 1996 is a law that regulates the use and disclosure of protected health information.

### Statement of Purpose

This policy is intended to ensure compliance with LCME Standard 12.5: The health professionals who provide health services, including psychiatric/psychological counseling, to a medical student have no involvement in the academic assessment or promotion of the medical student receiving those services, excluding exceptional circumstances. A medical school ensures that medical student health records are maintained in accordance with the legal requirements for security, privacy, confidentiality, and accessibility.

### Entities Affected by This Policy

This policy applies to all Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine (SOM) faculty and medical students, including visiting medical students.

### Required Acknowledgement

This policy is posted in the appropriate catalog(s) and/or syllabi, and accessible for student and faculty reference.

### Policy

The SOM provides medical students with confidential access to a variety of diagnostic, therapeutic, and preventative health services, including mental health services. Physicians and others who provide health services to medical students at the following locations will have no teaching, assessment or evaluation responsibilities at the SOM:

- UNLV Student Health Center
- UNLV Student Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
- UNLV Health

- UNLV PRACTICE (Partnership for Research, Assessment, Counseling, Therapy and Innovative Clinical Education)

To safeguard the objectivity of student assessments, the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV restricts faculty members who provide health care from participating in student evaluations or promotion decisions, except under exceptional circumstances. Faculty evaluators are required to attest on each student evaluation form that they have not provided care to the student being evaluated.

This restriction may be waived in exceptional circumstances. In such cases, the medical student requiring care and the faculty member/healthcare provider must mutually agree that the student's health condition warrants exceptional care from that provider. Examples of exceptional circumstances may include urgent or life-threatening conditions or scarcity of providers needed to address the medical student's health condition. Such cases must be brought to the attention of the dean for student affairs and career services for review and approval.

The Office of Student Affairs routinely communicates with the UNLV Student Health Center, CAPS, UNLV Health, and UNLV PRACTICE to ensure that confidentiality protocols are in place and effective to safeguard medical student privacy.

To ensure privacy, the UNLV Student Health Center, CAPS, UNLV Health, and UNLV PRACTICE utilize separate, HIPAA-compliant electronic health records that are secure, private, confidential, and accessible to only those who are legally allowed to have access to such records.

### **Review of Policy**

This policy shall be reviewed by the dean for student affairs and career services and Curriculum Oversight Committee at least annually from the effective date.

### **Related Documents**

None

### **Contacts**

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