Name of Policy:	Approval of Standard Care Arrangements for Hospital Employed Advanced Practice Nurses	THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO
Policy Number:	3364-100-50-31	MEDICAL CENTER
Department:	Hospital Administration	
Approving Officer:	Chief Executive Officer - UTMC Chief of Staff	
Responsible Agent:	Chief Nursing Officer	
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(A) Policy Statement

All Advanced Practice Nurses ("APN") employed by the hospital are required to have a Standard Care Arrangement signed with a collaborating physician(s) and approved by the medical staff and governing body.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To have a process to ensure compliance with the APN Rules and Administrative Code of the Ohio State Board of Nursing Regulations ("OBNR").

(C) Procedure

- 1. All nurses working in the role of an APN should be knowledgeable of the rules governing the APN in the state of Ohio and are individually responsible for complying with the rules and regulations.
- 2. Each APN must possess a Certificate of Authority from the Ohio State Board of Nursing to practice as an APN. This authorization must be renewed biennially as required by the state. No APN may use the title or practice as an APN without this authority. (OBNR)
- Each APN must enter into a Standard Care Arrangement (SCA) with one or more collaborating physicians whose practice is similar to the nurse's specialty. The SCA will meet the requirements as defined in the Ohio State Board of Nursing Regulations.
- 4. The SCA will be reviewed by the Chief Nursing Officer or his/her designee and signed by the APN and the collaborating physician(s). The SCA will then become part of the credentials file and as such will reviewed through the normal Central Verification Office application process including being presented to the Clinical Affairs Committee of the Board for their approval.
- 5. A Clinical Nurse Specialist whose specialty is mental health is not required by the Board of Nursing to enter into a SCA but must practice with a collaborating physician. (ONBR).
- 6. A copy of the approved SCA will be maintained on file in the Central Verification Office. The SCA will be made available to the OBNR for review upon request.
- 7. Any revisions in the SCA (other than changes in collaborating physicians) will require the same approval process.

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