

Policy Title: Health Professionals Conflict of Interest

**Functional Area:** ADMINISTRATIVE

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**Responsible Office:** Office of Admissions/Student Affairs

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**Purpose:** To ensure that health care physicians and providers have no influence on the academic assessment or progress of a learner who has received medical or behavioral health treatment.

## **Policy Statement**

## 1) Description

- a) Medical learners commonly seek care from health professionals affiliated with the UIWSOM (full-time, part-time, or adjunct faculty) due to proximity, convenience, comfort, confidence, and the size of the local medical community. If a student elects to establish a provider relationship with a faculty member, that health care provider is precluded from serving in any evaluation role for that learner.
- b) Because of dual-relationship and conflict of interest issues, faculty members who provide healthcare services to students will neither participate in performing academic assessments for grading purposes, participate in disciplinary actions, or in decisions regarding promotions for such students.