NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION

Date: February 8, 2008

REGULATION TITLE: College of Medicine Faculty Practice Plan
REGULATION NO.: 6C7-10.001

SUMMARY OF REGULATION: This proposed regulation authorizes the College of Medicine to maintain a faculty practice plan for the collection and distribution of fees generated by the practice of medicine by its faculty. The regulation also provides that the Board of Trustees will oversee the faculty practice plan by an annual review of the plan’s operating budget and an annual audit and management letter.

AUTHORITY: BOG Resolution dated January 7, 2003

NAME OF PERSON WHO INITIATED PROPOSED REGULATION:
Dr. Deborah German, Dean of the College of Medicine

COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED REGULATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW. The comments must identify the regulation you are commenting on.

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FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION:

6C7-10.001 College of Medicine Faculty Practice Plan
(1) The University of Central Florida College of Medicine provides educationally oriented professional practice settings and opportunities through which faculty members provide professional services, including medical care and treatment to patients, including patients at independent hospitals and other sites, as an integral part of their academic activities and employment as faculty members. Such faculty practice activities are designed to assure professional practice activities and experiences that are essential in the training of students and postgraduate health professionals and that will enhance skills and knowledge of faculty members who must teach and train medical students and residents. Participation in such faculty practice activities by members of the clinical faculty of the College of Medicine is vital to the educational mission, the maintenance of skills in the treatment and diagnosis of diseases, and the maintenance of patient management skills, clinical expertise, and medical judgment, and is a necessary and essential part of their employment as faculty members. Because such faculty practice activities generate income from patients and third party payors that is critical to support the College of Medicine mission, the college is authorized, in accordance with Florida Board of Governors Regulation 6C-9.017, to regulate and collect fees and other income generated from such clinical practice and to develop and maintain a faculty practice plan for the orderly collection, administration and distribution of income. The University of Central Florida College of Medicine Faculty Practice Plan must be consistent with, and supportive of, the objectives of the College of Medicine and the university. The Faculty Practice Plan, when developed and subsequent changes thereto, must be approved by the dean of the College of Medicine and the president of the university prior to filing for approval of the chancellor.
(2) In order to achieve the objectives of the University of Central Florida College of Medicine Faculty Practice Plan, the university has authorized the formation and operation of a Florida not-for-profit corporation, Central Florida Clinical Practice Organization, Inc., (“CFCPO”), to support the clinical activities of the College of Medicine, including the orderly collection and administration of income generated from College of Medicine clinical activities.

(3) The College of Medicine Faculty Practice Plan shall include and/or provide for:

(a) A written document that describes the university’s policies and procedures pertaining to faculty practice activities and the resulting professional fees and other income.

(b) Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of CFCPO.

(c) A separate bank account into which all income generated by College of Medicine faculty practice is deposited, which shall be held, administered, and distributed by CFCPO acting as the university’s agent under right of control by the university.

(d) An operating budget prepared at least annually and recommended by the dean of the College of Medicine and the president of the university to the university Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors for review and oversight.

(e) An annual audit and management letter, which shall be forwarded to the university Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors for review and oversight.

(f) The College of Medicine Faculty Practice Plan, including CFCPO, shall at all times comply with the applicable regulations, policies, and procedures of the Board of Governors and the university.
(g) CFCPO shall serve as an administrative services supporting organization for the University of Central Florida College of Medicine Faculty Practice Plan and shall not be involved in the delivery of medical services, the employment of medical doctors or other health professionals, or the determination, control, or evaluation of any medical procedures or standards. Persons employed by CFCPO shall not be considered to be employees of the State of Florida by virtue of their employment by CFCPO.

*Authority: BOG Resolution dated January 7, 2003; 1001.74(2)(k) F.S.; 6C-9.017, F.A.C.*

*History – New ______*. 