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Charitable Health Registration Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is a Sponsoring Organization?

Answer:

A Sponsoring Organization means any organization, with an established relationship with a practicing entity that organizes or arranges for the voluntary provision of health care services in the state. Examples of sponsoring organizations may include hospitals or other entities that provide space equipment or other support for Charitable Health Care Providers who deliver care.

2. To provide charitable health services does the health provider need any additional license or certificate to provide the voluntary provision of health services?

Answer:

Medical Provider – No, there is not a need for any additional license or certificate but the sponsoring agency is required to complete an application and register the charitable health service and provide information about the provider with the CHFS DPH Health Care Access Branch (502-564-8966 ext. 4012) as required in KRS 216.941.

Dental Provider – Yes, KRS 313.254 requires both Dentists and Dental Hygienists who are not licensed in Kentucky to obtain a temporary license. The provider must:

- Apply to the Board of Dentistry at least 30 days prior to providing health care services
- Include in the application a letter for the jurisdiction in which the dentist or dental hygienist is licensed that indicates the applicant's license number and a statement that the dentist or dental hygienist is in good standing in the licensing jurisdiction.
- Pay a twenty-five dollar (\$25) registration fee.

3. What type of health services are required to register?

Answer:

Voluntary medical and dental services are required to register.

4. Can someone who has a license or certificate suspension or revoked in Kentucky or any other state still volunteer to provide charitable health services?

Answer:

No, KRS 216.941 prohibits anyone whose license or certificate is suspended or revoked under disciplinary proceedings to render services through any sponsoring organization.

5. What records are required to be kept by the sponsoring organization?

Answer:

KRS 216.941 requires that the sponsoring organization:

- Maintain a list of health providers associated with its provision of charitable health care services.
- Maintain a copy of current licenses, certificates or statement of exemption from licensure or certification.
- Maintain a statement for each health care provider attesting in writing that his or her license or certificate is not suspended or revoked under disciplinary proceedings in any jurisdiction.
- Maintain the records for no less than five (5) years after the provision of charitable health services, including actual dates, types of services and recipients of charitable health services, and furnish these records upon request of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

6. Are there requirements on displaying the provider's license or certificate like there is in their practice?

Answer:

KRS 216.942 exempts the requirement for display of a license or certificate, but you must present for inspection upon request a photocopy of the license, certificate or statement of exemption from the state, territory, district or possession of the United States in which the provider is licensed, certified or exempt.

7. We are a University providing charitable health services. Does the organization still need to register?

Answer:

Yes. KRS 216.941 does not exempt any organization providing charitable health services.

8. What if the provider is providing educational, seminar or similar teaching instruction services through the use of volunteers who will receive free care in the process. Does the organization still need to register?

Answer:

If the provider who is doing the instruction is being compensated for their services, it is not considered charitable health for the purpose of the registration program. Therefore, no registration is needed. If the provider is actually donating their time and expertise to assist patients, registration would be required.

9. Does charitable health cover surgical procedures?

Answer:

Yes. The definition of a “charitable health care provider” in KRS 216.940 does not exclude surgical or invasive procedures.

10. Is it true that you can get reimbursed for medical professional liability insurance when providing charitable health care in Kentucky?

Answer:

Yes. KRS 304.40-075 allows for reimbursement for the medical professional liability insurance, but you must follow the statute requirements exactly.