Policy: MMC PA Faculty Serving as Healthcare Providers Policy	**Applicability:** PA Sciences Program Students
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PURPOSE:
The purpose of this policy is: To define the role of PA program faculty, Program Director, and Medical Director serving as Healthcare Providers (HCP) to PA students.

POLICY: All MMC PA Program faculty, the Program Director and the Medical Director are prohibited from serving as health care providers or offer medical advice for students in the program in any capacity, except in emergency situations.

The student health fee provides all current Meharry students access to the services provided at the Student Health Center. The clinical staff of Student Health Services is comprised of a certified family nurse practitioner and clinical faculty from the department of Internal Medicine. The services provided include:

- Acute illness and injury management
- Physical examinations
- Laboratory services
- Immunizations
- Tuberculosis screening
- N95 respirator fit testing

Services for physical examinations, laboratory services and immunizations are billed to the student's health insurance and are subject to co-pays and deductibles.

DEFINITIONS: Health Care Provider – Under federal regulations, anyone who is authorized to practice by the State and perform within the scope of their practice as defined by State law.

PROCEDURE: Student Health Services are not intended to be used in the place of a primary care physician or a specialist. For life or limb-threatening conditions, students should go directly to the nearest emergency department.

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After normal operating hours, if students require emergency treatment, they are encouraged to go to the Metropolitan Nashville General Hospital Emergency Department, an area emergency department or call 911.