

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION

ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDER MEMBER SPONSORSHIP POLICY

The American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (“**Academy**”) is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation exempt from federal income tax pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). The Academy is organized and operated to promote the art and science of medicine and of the betterment of public health through an understanding and utilization of the functions and procedures of physical medicine and rehabilitation. (“**Exempt Purpose**”). Consistent with its Exempt Purpose, the Academy desires to allow Advanced Practice Providers (“**APP**”), as defined by the bylaws, as members of the Academy with a sponsoring member.

APP’s will be required to attest and provide a Fellow, Part-Time Fellow or Associate Member sponsor name as part of their application. Academy staff will contact the sponsor candidate to receive their attestation and support of membership for the APP. As part of the sponsorship process, the Physiatrist sponsor members must meet the following requirements:

- Be a current Fellow, Part-Time Fellow or Associate member in good standing as defined by the bylaws
- Attest to sponsoring an APP member
 - Sponsoring member must work with the APP on an integrated rehabilitation team
 - Agrees to contact the Academy if the APP leaves the practice or is no longer working with them in a team delivery mode
 - Sponsors must contact the Academy if their sponsorship of the APP is being withdrawn.

The sponsorship will be reviewed annually unless otherwise informed that the sponsoring member is withdrawing their membership or sponsorship, and/or the APP has changed practices.

The Board may amend or revoke this Policy in its discretion.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Governors on April 25, 2019 and will become effective pending the approval of the recommended bylaws changes in November 2019.