

 <b>HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS</b> <b>C O R P O R A T I O N</b> <i>"Touching Lives Everyday"</i>	<b>Department:</b> Legal/Finance	<b>Policy No.:</b> <b>PUR 0020*</b>
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<b>Subject:</b> <b>Medical Staff Review of Patient Services Contracts</b>	<b>Issued by:</b> Kelley Roberson, COO/CFO	<b>Effective Date:</b> November 1, 2006
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- I. **PURPOSE:** The medical staff at each facility should be involved in reviewing the sources of professional care provided in the facility by contractors in order to enhance the quality of care.
  
- II. **POLICY:** It is the policy of HHSC that facility administrators/chief executive officers will insure that applicable portions of all clinical service contracts will be provided to their respective medical staffs via the medical executive committee ("MEC"), or designee. The intent of this policy is to involve the medical staff in determining which services are needed, which services the facility will provide directly, which services will be provided by contractors, what quality standards shall be used to evaluate performance, and performance evaluation of the outside sources of care. While hospital leaders are responsible for ensuring availability and quality of needed services, the medical staff should be involved in advising management on these crucial issues in order to enhance quality of care and patient safety. The term "clinical service" includes any clinical service, such as, physician, respiratory therapy, nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, medical technician, psychologist, dentist, podiatrist, and all other clinical services, but this contract review process may also include contracts other than those for clinical services at the discretion of management.
 

It is strongly recommended that the facility administrator/chief executive officer also include input from the medical staff in making other major decisions, for example, decisions relating to construction projects and large equipment acquisitions.
  
- III. **PROCEDURE:** Each facility shall establish a procedure for compliance with this policy.
  
- IV. **APPLICABILITY:** This policy applies to all HHSC hospitals.

\*formerly PRO 020, renumbered to PUR 020.