

Eligibility for Appointment as Medical or Clinical Director

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The Issue:

The position of a Medical Director is an administrative position.

Currently an ARNP can serve as a Medical Director only if he/she owns the practice.

Florida Statutes state that only a physician can serve as a medical director in non-ARNP owned facilities.

This practice drives up costs to the healthcare system and limits access to healthcare.

Facts:

- Shortage of physicians willing to be Medical Directors in Florida especially in rural areas where Medical Director turn over can be high.
- Fine of \$5,000 per day of clinic does not have a Medical Director.
- Clinics must close if Medical Director cannot be found.
- High fees are often paid to Medical Directors just to meet administrative requirements to sign off on paperwork. ARNPs can provide the same oversight and already provide this in ARNP owned clinics.
- Removing this barrier will help reduce overall costs to Florida's health care system.

Duties of a Medical Director

- Ensure that all healthcare provider licenses and certifications are active and up to date
- Serve as clinic medical records owner
- Ensure compliance with all state required record keeping
- Conduct systematic review of all billings and billing practices
- Ensure that a clinic publishes a current set of charges