

MODEL COMMUNICATION

The University of California Office of the President invites comments on the Presidential Policy on the Implementation of Regents Policy 4405 Affiliations with Certain Healthcare Organizations. The policy was initially issued as an interim policy and addresses the following key issues:

- The policy supports the application of Regents Policy 4405 approved by the Board of Regents on July 22, 2021 to govern affiliation agreements between UC and healthcare organizations that have policy-based restrictions on care (each, a “covered organization”).
- This Policy unequivocally states UC’s expectations regarding care provided by its personnel and trainees in any setting and specifically requires that UC providers be permitted to counsel patients concerning all healthcare options, prescribe any medically necessary medications, refer patients to any appropriate facility for care that they cannot receive where they are being seen, and perform emergency services as they deem necessary.
- Agreements with a covered organization require certification of compliance with federal and state non-discrimination laws.
- New affiliations with covered organizations cannot be entered into unless they comply with the new policy, and any existing affiliations with covered organizations that do not comply with the new policy must be phased out no later than December 31, 2023.

If you have any questions or if you wish to comment, please contact _____ at _____, no later than _____, 2022.