

# **DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE**

**Division: NORTH TEXAS** 

**DHP Classification: PRIVATELY EMPLOYED SCRUB** 

Name of Dependent Healthcare Professional (DHP):

### Privately Employed Scrub (PES):

The Privately Employed Scrub must have equivalent qualifications and competence as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility

### **Definition of Care of Service:**

The Privately Employed Scrub functions as a member of the surgical team and may perform various duties to facilitate surgical cases. The Score of Service may include:

- Prepares and correctly transfers sterile instruments to the surgeon during a surgical procedure
- Organizes sterile drapes and prepare sterile fluids
- Receives surgical items after use and puts them where they will not contaminate a sterile instrument or surface
- Ensures that the surgical field remains as sterile during a procedure
- Demonstrates Clinical and Service excellence behaviors to include code of HCA conduct core fundamentals in daily interactions with patients, families, co-workers and physicians
- Maintains confidentiality and privacy in accordance with HIPAA regulations

### Setting(s):

 Healthcare facilities including but not limited to hospital operating rooms and ambulatory surgical centers with surgical service areas

#### **Supervision requirements:**

- Direct supervision by the physician
  - o Indirect supervision by the surgical department director, site manager or designee

Evaluator: Surgical department director in conjunction with supervising physician or designee

#### Qualifications

- Licensure/Registration :
  - o Appropriate licensure/certification in area of specialty (i.e. dental hygienist)
  - o Completion of an accredited Certified Surgical Technician (CST) program

### **Experience**

The Privately Employed Scrub provides documentation that they have assisted with at least \_\_\_\_\*\*procedures within the last 12 months

\*\* Note: Facility should establish a minimum experience standard

#### Competencies

The Privately Employed Scrub will demonstrate:

- Provides a safe environment for patients
  - o Uses at least two ways to identify patients before treating or performing a procedure
  - Labels containers used for blood and specimens in the presence of the patient
  - Labels all medications and solutions on and off the sterile field in perioperative and procedural settings
  - o Participates in the pre-procedure process to verify the correct procedure, for the correct patient, at the correct site and involves the patient in the verification process when possible
  - Actively participates in a time-out immediately before starting an invasive procedure or making



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- Basic aseptic technique
  - Applies sterile attire including scrubbing, gowning and gloving
  - o Uses sterile technique for scrubbing, gowning and gloving of other personnel
  - Organizes sterile drapes
  - o Receives sterile equipment via circulating nurse using sterile technique
  - o Assists with patient dressing application
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills
  - o Coordinates case preparation
  - o Transfers sterile instruments to surgeon accurately
  - o Anticipates surgeon needs
  - Assists with care of instruments at end of case
  - Demonstrates working knowledge of anatomy and physiology
- Infection Prevention
  - o Practices consistent hand hygiene according to hospital policy
  - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE)
  - Maintains current immunization for influenza
  - o Complies with Isolation precautions
  - Current PPD

#### References:

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DHP Printed Name:	DHP Signature:
Company/Vendor:	Date: