Moonlighting-Behavioral Health and Public Psychiatry

Scope
This policy augments the Sponsoring Institution policy on Moonlighting and is applicable to the fellows of the Behavioral Health and Public Psychiatry Programs.

Purpose:
To provide additional clarity on moonlighting for Behavioral Health fellows.

Policy and Guidelines
Fellows will have to submit a written request to the fellowship director to moonlight in advance of the proposed activity.

- Fellows are advised that the Alabama State Board of Medical Licensure and the DEA have the authority to independently investigate and prosecute individual fellow physicians with regard to compliance with the following: That moonlighting fellows are fully licensed and have their own malpractice insurance and DEA number. **NOTE: International medical graduates are not allowed to obtain a full license in the state of Alabama until they have completed residency.**

Things to remember when moonlighting:
- Pre-signing prescriptions.
- Using University Medical Center (UMC) prescriptions outside UMC. This is prohibited – your UMC number is site specific.
- Controlled substance prescriptions must be properly completed, with the patient's name and address plus the date.
- Following accepted practice guidelines of the site of moonlighting.
- All moonlighting fellows should be cognizant of Medicare fraud and abuse guidelines, be aware of state ethics requirements, and remain clear about their individual accountability for contracts, attestations, or statements that they sign in their roles as independent moonlighting physicians.