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April 19, 2016

California Physician Assistant Board  
Glenn Mitchell, Executive Officer  
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1100  
Sacramento, CA 95815

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

In accordance with Title 16, Division 13.8, Section 1399.532 of the California Code of Regulations, I am applying for approval of our PA postgraduate residency program.

Founded in 2015 at Community Regional Medical Center in Fresno, California; the residency will begin its first class June 27, 2016. Affiliated with the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) School of Medicine, we offer an 18-month postgraduate residency that will accept two emergency medicine PA (EMPA) residents per year. Graduates who successfully complete the residency will receive a certificate of completion from UCSF. Our curriculum is based on the *Model of the Clinical Practice of Emergency Medicine* and the *Society of Emergency Medicine Physician Assistants (SEMPA) Emergency Medicine Physician Assistant Postgraduate Training Program Standards*. These standards have been set by SEMPA, the national organization representing EMPAs. EMPA residents will learn and work alongside physician residents during their clinical and didactic training. The program will feature a strong emphasis on clinical teaching and hands-on training. The purpose of the PA emergency medicine residency is to provide extensive emergency medicine patient management skills that would propel graduates into successful future careers in both academic and private practice settings.

Approximately 300 physician residents and fellows are currently obtaining postgraduate training on the UCSF Fresno campus. There are nearly 200 full time faculty members representing all specialties, and a local UCSF Associate Dean. The emergency medicine residency has an established 40+ year history of training emergency physicians. EMPA residents will be supervised throughout their training. The UCSF Fresno Medical Education and Research Center has excellent resources including office space, a library, an auditorium and multiple conference rooms with full audiovisual support, a clinical research center, and a simulation lab.

Community Regional Medical Center's new, state-of-the-art emergency department serves as the only Level 1 trauma center and Burn center for Central California, and handles an annual ED volume of over 110,000.



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The UCSF Fresno Emergency Medicine PA Residency fulfills the requirements of Section 1399.532 by the following:

- a. Although it is not required to be located within an educational institution, we are affiliated with the UCSF School of Medicine.
- b. It is not required to provide academic credit, which we are not.
- c. We are only accepting trainees who have completed a primary PA training program.

Section 1399.532 also references meeting the general requirements of Section 1399.530. The program meets these requirements by the following:

- a. Per Section 1399.532, specialty training of physician assistants does not need to be located in an educational institution, although we have an academic affiliation.
- b. The program has an evaluation mechanism in place:
  - i. Residents are evaluated after each rotation and semiannually.
  - ii. The program will be evaluated annually by the Program Evaluation Committee (PEC), which is responsible for reviewing and recommending changes to the curriculum.
- c. Academic credit is not required per Section 1399.532.
- d. The program's medical director, Stuart Maxwell, MD, is a California licensed, board certified emergency physician.
- e. The residency is essentially an 18-month preceptorship in the practice of emergency medicine.
- f. The residency can submit an annual report regarding its compliance with Section 1399.530.
- g. ARC-PA is not actively accrediting PA postgraduate programs as the process is being held in abeyance ([http://www.arc-pa.org/postgrad\\_programs/](http://www.arc-pa.org/postgrad_programs/)). As mentioned earlier, we will be following national standards established by SEMPA. I have attached the *SEMPA Emergency Medicine Physician Assistant Postgraduate Training Program Standards* to this application for your review. We plan to apply for accreditation as soon as it is available.

Offering specialized training through a residency program provides the PA with the opportunity to focus on an area of interest, gain valuable additional training and clinical experience, and improve career prospects and marketability. Our goal is to increase the EMPA workforce in California, especially the Central Valley (an underserved area), with competent, highly skilled physician assistants.

This application shows that our residency meets the requirements of Sections 1399.530

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Please let me know if I can be of further assistance and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Fred Wu', written in a cursive style.

Fred Wu, PA-C, MHS  
Program Director  
Emergency Medicine PA Residency  
UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program

Attachment:

*SEMPA Emergency Medicine Physician Assistant Postgraduate Training Program  
Standards*