# LSU HEALTH CARE SERVICES DIVISION BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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CATEGORY: Human Resources

**CONTENT:** Probational Status Policy

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the LSU Health Care Services Division Administration

(HCSDA) and Lallie Kemp Medical Center (LKMC).

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#### PROBATIONAL STATUS POLICY

### I. POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the LSU Health Care Services Division (HCSD) for all classified employees appointed on a Probational Appointment to serve a 12-month probationary period prior to being granted permanent status. Extensions up to an additional 12 months of probational status may be requested in accordance with established policy.

**<u>Note:</u>** Any reference herein to Health Care Services Division (HCSD) also applies and pertains to Lallie Kemp Medical Center (LKMC).

#### II. IMPLEMENTATION

This policy and subsequent revisions to this policy shall become effective upon approval signature and date of the HCSD Chief Operations Officer.

#### III. GUIDELINES

Criteria to be considered for an extension of the Probational period beyond the initial 12 month time frame may include, but not be limited to:

- A. Official Performance Evaluation Rating (PES) of "Needs Improvement/Unsuccessful". The PES must have been processed and given to the employee in a timely manner.
- B. Documented attendance problems.
- C. Periods of LWOP causing inadequate time on the job to recommend permanent status.
- D. Disciplinary actions.
- E. Transfers into HCSD or transfers within HCSD while on Probational status.
- F. Reassignments, position changes, and/or demotions while on Probational status within HCSD.
- G. As directed by HCSD Administration

#### IV. PROCEDURES

- A. HCSD HR Administration shall approve all requests for extensions up to 24 months based on policy criteria and guidelines.
- B. Approval for an extension of the probational period must be <u>prior</u> to the end of the initial 12 months.

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- C. Requests received after the initial 12 months has expired shall not be approved and the employee shall be granted permanent status.
- D. HCSD HR Administration may approve an exception to grant permanent status after an employee has served a minimum of six (6) months on a probational appointment based on the following considerations:
  - 1. Employee has worked for the agency an extended period of time as Student, Temporary WAE Appointment, Job Appointment, and/or unclassified appointment.
  - 2. Employee is hired on Probational Appointment following a Student appointment, Temporary WAE Appointment, Job Appointment and/or unclassified appointment with no break in service.
  - 3. Experience and/or knowledge gained from previous employment was carried over into the Probational Appointment job duties.

#### V. EXCEPTIONS

Any exception to this policy must be approved by the HCSD Chief Operations Officer.

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