

ARTICLE II

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Please note: For these By-Laws, the term “primary care services” is defined as “primary medical health services,” which includes the full spectrum of primary health care services (medical, dental, and behavioral health care services).

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION. The Association shall solicit its membership from organizations, agencies, and individuals in the State of Indiana who support the mission, goals, and “characteristics of services delivery” of the Association. Characteristics of services delivery provided by each member category are explained below in Article II, Section 2. Candidates shall make a written application to the Secretary following the prescribed procedure as developed and published by the Membership Committee, consistent with these By-Laws. Applicants shall be designated to one of the membership categories listed in Article II, Section 2, “MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES” by the Board after recommendation by the Membership Committee. A member may hold membership in only one category.

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES. There shall be seven classes of membership of this Association: Health Center Program Award Recipient Membership, Consumer Governed Primary Care Provider Membership, State Funded Community Health Center Primary Care Provider Membership, Associate Primary Care Provider Membership, Affiliate Membership, Individual Membership, and Corporate Partner Membership. To qualify as a Primary Care Provider member, as defined in paragraphs A, B, C, and D below, the organizational member must:

- Systematically require meaningful input from the community of patients it serves on all significant medical services delivery issues;
- Charge for services according to a sliding fee schedule based on federal poverty guidelines;
- Provide primary care health services in all patient life cycles;
- Demonstrate a commitment to being a safety net medical provider for the community it services.

General Assembly voting rights of each membership category are outlined in Article III below.

A. HEALTH CENTER PROGRAM AWARD RECIPIENT MEMBERSHIP. Health Center Program Award Recipient Membership is available to any health center that receives federal funding according to Section 330 of the Public Health Services Act. That is committed to the mission of this Association. An officer, director, or employee of a Health Center Program Award Recipient member is eligible for a position on the Board of Directors and Board committees.

B. CONSUMER GOVERNED PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER MEMBERSHIP. Consumer Governed Primary Care Provider Membership is available to any non-profit or tax-exempt organization committed to this Association's mission as stated in the Articles of Incorporation. Consumer Governed Primary Care Providers must be actively engaged in providing primary health care, governed by a Board of Directors comprised of more than 50% of consumer/community membership, and provide primary health care services to indigent persons on a sliding or reduced fee scale. An officer, director, or employee of a Consumer Governed Primary Care Provider Member organization is eligible for a position on the Board of Directors and Board committees.

C. STATE FUNDED COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER MEMBERSHIP. Community health centers are governed by a Board of Directors with less than 50% consumers and receive operational funding through monies designated for community health centers by the State of Indiana. An officer, director, or employee of a State-Funded Community Health Center Primary Care Provider Member organization is eligible for a position on the Board of Directors and Board committees.

D. ASSOCIATE PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER MEMBERSHIP. Associate Primary Care Provider Membership is available to any non-profit or tax-exempt organization or rural health clinic committed to this Association's purposes and offering primary health care services to indigent persons on a sliding or reduced fee scale. An officer, director, or employee of an Associate Primary Care Provider Member organization is eligible for a position on the Board of Directors and Board committees.

E. AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP. Any non-profit organization that provides services or conducts business to improve access to primary care services for Indiana residents is not a community health center. It does not offer primary care services and is eligible to become an Affiliate Member. An officer, director, or employee of an Affiliate Member organization is qualified by invitation from the Chair for appointment to a Board committee.

F. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP. Individual Membership in the Association is open to any person supporting the Indiana Primary Health Care Association's purposes, including students, residents, or others training in the health care field. Exceptions include: (1) an employee or Board member of an organization that is eligible for any of the three Primary Care Provider Membership categories that is not currently an organizational member or (2) an employee of a funding grantor or contractual entity of IPHCA. An Individual Member is eligible by invitation from the Chair for appointment to a Board Committee.

G. CORPORATE PARTNER MEMBERSHIP. Corporate Partner Members do not have voting privileges. An employee of a Corporate Partners Member organization is eligible by invitation from the Chair for a non-voting appointment to a Board committee.

SECTION 3. DUES. Dues for each category of membership shall be assessed yearly as determined by the Board of Directors after the Membership Committee makes a recommendation. The membership year shall coincide with the Association's fiscal year, and dues shall be prorated accordingly. The Board may establish a procedure for addressing members who are in arrears in paying their dues.