

**Policy:** **Public Events: Providing Diagnostic and Treatment Services**

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Participation by contracted providers/practitioners in public events and community activities can be a benefit to the public, the practitioner, and the health care profession. Such events may be at the invitation of schools, employers, athletic teams, sponsors of sporting events, or other appropriate venues (when not in conflict with the “Advertisement of Relationship with ASH Group and Clients” section in the applicable ASH Practitioner Services Agreement or Provider Services Agreement). Unlike public screenings or health fairs, this type of participation anticipates that the health care practitioner may be performing both diagnostic and treatment services in support of the public event (e.g., marathon treatment station, school athletic event). This type of public activity should only be performed in a professional and ethical manner and at a suitable location.

Services provided while participating in public events and community activities must meet professionally recognized standards of practice and regulatory requirements including, but not limited to those addressing:

- Privacy and confidentiality;
- Adequacy of evaluation prior to rendering an opinion/diagnosis/treatment;
- Medical Record documentation;
- Informed consent;
- Scope of practice;
- Advertising and promotional materials;
- Free or discounted treatment/services; and
- Billing practices, if appropriate.

Services may include general health assessments, biomechanical analysis, injury assessment, treatment, nutritional evaluation, or other health assessment as allowed within the practitioner’s scope of practice, appropriate to the venue, and subject to the recipient’s informed consent regarding benefits and risks. All services are to be conducted with respect to the individual’s rights to privacy and confidentiality. If such services result in providing opinion, diagnosis, and/or services specific to an individual, medical record documentation meeting local, state, and/or federal requirements is expected. All materials and services provided must be based on professionally recognized standards and clinical evidence.

1 Generally, such services are provided as a community service. If the practitioner intends to  
2 charge the recipient of services or any third party payor, the recipient must be informed  
3 and provide written consent prior to the provision of such services.  
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5 Practitioners may not use, experimental, investigational, or unproven treatments  
6 procedures, devices, or biological products including but not limited to those determined  
7 by American Specialty Health – Specialty (ASH) clinical committees to be not widely  
8 accepted as evidence based (see the *Techniques and Procedures Not Widely Supported As*  
9 *Evidence-Based (CPG 133 – S)* policy).  
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11 All practitioners must be in compliance with all applicable regulatory requirements  
12 regarding diagnostic and treatment services in the state(s) in which the public event is held,  
13 as well as any applicable state board requirements.