



POLICY TITLE: MEETING & INSURANCE COMPENSATION POLICY

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POLICY #BOD-21: Meeting & Insurance Compensation Guidelines for the Desert Healthcare District (“District”) Board of Directors (“Board”).

A) Board Members may receive a stipend for attendance at up to 6 meetings per month, provided the meetings have a healthcare nexus or are related to the District’s operations, mission, and vision, and include the following:

1. District Board and Board committee meetings, including agenda review meetings.
2. Meetings for which a District Board member serves on the Desert Regional Medical Center’s Board of Directors or its committees.
3. Attendance at ethics or other required training.
4. Conferences and seminars held by organizations in which the District is a member, and for which the conference/seminar has a clear health care related nexus. Board members shall receive one stipend per conference or seminar.
5. Community meetings and events within the District, when attendance is requested or approved by the Board, the Board President, or the Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”), for which the meeting/event has a clear health care nexus, including the following:
 - a) Board, policy committee, and formal business meetings of organizations in which the District is a member.
 - b) Meetings with other government agencies or officials in which the subject involves health care or District business (e.g., State and local legislative officials, County Health & Human Services).
 - c) Formal Meetings requested, necessitated, or approved by the CEO.

B) Non-compensable meetings shall include the following:



1. Informal meetings with other Board members or with District staff members, regardless of the topic(s) addressed.
2. Meetings of a political nature, whether partisan or non-partisan, regardless of the topic(s) addressed.
3. Meetings for which payment of a stipend or honorarium is provided by the host organization.
4. Meetings of other public bodies, unless invited as a participant by the host body or sent as a delegate by the District Board.
5. Meetings of organizations in which the member holds an individual membership or the primary purpose of which is to receive continuing professional educational credits.
6. Charity fundraising events.

Board members shall have an opportunity to report on meetings attended at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting following the meeting for which a stipend is received. Any questions regarding interpretations of these guidelines should be addressed to the District's General Counsel.

If more than one Board meeting is held in succession on the same calendar day, they collectively shall count as a single meeting for the payment of a stipend. Such classification applies only to regular, special, closed and executive sessions and shall not apply to successive Committee meetings in which a Director may be a member.

C) Board members shall receive compensation of insurance premiums up to \$16,250 per fiscal year (July 1 to June 30), which reflects the annual cost of District provided insurance for a Board member. Insurance premiums (coverage may be applied to the Board member, their spouse or registered domestic partner, and eligible dependent children) include medical, dental, and vision and include any combination of the following.

1. Board members may receive insurance coverage through the District. Board members shall be responsible for reimbursing the District for premiums exceeding \$16,250 per fiscal year.
2. Reimburse Medicare premiums.
3. Reimburse supplemental insurance premiums.



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4. Reimburse the portion of insurance premiums withheld from Board member's payroll.
5. Reimbursement does not apply to COBRA insurance premiums when Board member leaves office.

AUTHORITIES

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