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Re: §1-13(e)(1) Designation for Sanjiv Shah, M.D., to the Medical Care Criteria Committee (MCCC: Adult HIV Treatment and Prevention) of the Clinical Guidelines Program of the New York State Department of Health's AIDS Institute

Dear Mr. Carrier:

Pursuant to Rule §1-13(e)(1) of the Conflicts of Interest Board, I, as President and Chief Executive Officer of New York City Health and Hospitals (H+H), hereby designate Sanjiv Shah, M.D., Chief Medical Officer of the MetroPlus Health Plan, in his capacity as an HIV specialist and Infectious Diseases Attending at NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health, Gouverneur, New York, to serve as a member and Vice Chair of the Medical Care Criteria Committee (MCCC: Adult HIV Treatment and Prevention) of the Clinical Guidelines Program, a project of the New York State Department of Health's AIDS Institute, to assist in developing clinical practice guidelines for HIV/AIDS health care providers.

The New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute has established the Medical Care Criteria Committee (MCCC: Adult HIV Treatment and Prevention) of the Clinical Guidelines Program, a project of the New York State Department of Health's AIDS Institute that is administered by their grantee the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine's Division of Infectious Diseases. The Committee develops and disseminates the AIDS Institute's clinical practice guidelines and related quality-of-care information for HIV/AIDS health care providers. In Dr. Shah's capacity as a member of the Committee, he both reviews and authors guidelines for the prevention, management and treatment of people with HIV.

The MCCC membership has Dr. Shah listed as "**Vice-Chair:** Sanjiv S. Shah, MD, MPH, AAHIVS, NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health, Gouverneur, New York, NY." Dr. Shah provides clinical care at the virology clinic at NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health, Gouverneur, New York, NY.

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The provision and delivery of comprehensive care and treatment of the ill and infirm and providing access to such care and treatment are core parts of the mission of H+H and MetroPlus Health, where he serves as Chief Medical Officer. Consistent with that mission, H+H has been at the forefront of caring for New Yorkers living with HIV since the beginning of the epidemic and operates State-designated HIV/AIDS centers. Moreover, MetroPlus covers many members with HIV and provides one of the three HIV Special Needs Plans in New York City.

The clinical practice guidelines and related quality of care information developed by the New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute have a significant impact on the care and treatment provided by providers serving patients with HIV, including treatment provided in H+H facilities. There is value in having the perspectives considered in developing those guidelines include those of a clinician who practices in a publicly-owned hospital system and who medically oversees a publicly-owned provider-sponsored health plan that provides one of Medicaid's HIV Special Needs Plans. Dr. Shah is currently the only MCCC member with an H+H affiliation. Consequently, I designate Dr. Shah to serve on the Medical Care Criteria Committee of the Clinical Guidelines Program, a project of the New York State Department of Health's AIDS Institute.

I am advised that Dr. Shah does not anticipate or foresee any conflicts between his responsibilities at MetroPlus/H+H and his involvement with the Medical Care Criteria Committee. The Writing Group of the MCCC meets monthly. Dr. Shah anticipates spending approximately three hours a month fulfilling his Committee duties, the majority of which occur outside routine business hours.

Based on the foregoing, I have concluded that, pursuant to Rule §1-13(e)(1), (i) there is a demonstrated nexus between the proposed work with the Medical Care Criteria Committee and Dr. Shah's job; (ii) such work furthers the mission of MetroPlus and H+H; and (iii) Dr. Shah will have no involvement in any business dealings between the Johns Hopkins University (the not-for-profit entity contracted with the State of New York to administer the Clinical Guidelines Program) and either MetroPlus or H+H. I support Dr. Shah serving in this role, subject to any stipulations and/or recusals on his part required under Board Rules.

Thank you for your attention to and consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Cohen at 212-788-3304.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mitchell Katz".

Mitchell Katz, M.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer