



Office of Health Services Back-up Provider Statement of Work

POSITION FUNCTION:

The required skill level for the back-up provider shall be a physician, nurse practitioner, or under limited circumstances and upon approval by the Credentialing Committee, a registered nurse who will provide clinical care for Peace Corps Volunteers and Trainees in the absence of a Peace Corps Medical Officer (PCMO) or assist the PCMO during busy times.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The back-up provider shall provide direct patient care, referrals to outside medical consultants or facilities, i.e. hospital or emergency department, depending on the specific in-country arrangements, and assist with administrative duties and health education when indicated. The backup provider will also function as a PCMO and perform any or all of the PCMO duties. The back-up provider shall be available around-the-clock by telephone or be present in the Health Unit. A physician or nurse practitioner back-up provider may also be required to provide consultative or prescriptive services to RN PCMOs.

Written documentation that describes the consultation with a Trainee or Volunteer, care and treatment prescribed/provided, and diagnoses must be documented in the health record.