

# GENERAL MEDICAL 8.0

## Certain Direct Service Personnel Appropriately Displaying Professional Certification Criteria -- 8.11

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### POLICY

As per recent addendum to [T.C.A. 63-1-109](#), all medical doctors, osteopathic physicians, dentists, and advanced practice nurses who deliver direct patient care, in each office where they practice must:

1. Display an original or copy of their license in a conspicuous place.
2. Place a sign
  - a. in lettering not less than one inch (1") in height, at the entrance to their office,
  - b. containing their name, followed by the abbreviation of their professional degree, and
  - c. immediately below their name, in equal size lettering, the written title of Medical Doctor, Osteopathic Physician, ~~or~~ Dentist, or Advanced Practice Nurse.
3. Wear a visible photo identification name tag during all patient encounters that includes a recent photograph, full name, and **the written name of the type of license/abbreviation of professional degree as specified in section 2.c. above.**

### APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all Local Health Department, Regional Health Office and Central Office medical doctors, osteopathic physicians, dentists, and advanced practice nurses who deliver direct patient care.

### PURPOSE

To affirmatively communicate proof of licensure to patients.

**PROCEDURE**

All Local Health Department Directors and, if applicable, Regional Health Officers are responsible for ensuring compliance with this policy.

**REFERENCE DOCUMENTS**

[T.C.A. 63-1-109](#)

**OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY**

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