AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON, D.C.

University Policy: Medical Transports: Alcohol and Other Drugs

Policy Category: Student Policies

Subject: Alcohol or drug-related medical transports

Office Responsible for Review of this Policy: Office of Campus Life

Procedures: Not Applicable

Related University Policies: Drug Policy; Alcohol Policy

I. SCOPE

This policy establishes the University's protocol for managing medical transports prompted by students' use of alcohol and other drugs.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

The abuse of alcohol and other drugs threatens the health and safety of the individual and disrupts the community, particularly when abuse results in a student requiring medical attention and transport to the hospital. The University will follow a protocol for medical transports that protects the well being of both the individual and the campus community.

III. POLICY

American University is committed to providing a safe campus environment conducive to intellectual growth and personal development. The abuse of alcohol and other drugs threatens the health and safety of the individual and disrupts the community, particularly when abuse results in a student requiring medical attention and transport to the hospital.

Students who have been transported to the hospital for these reasons will meet with a University official in the Office of the Dean of Students. The purpose of the meeting is to help the student gain insight into the experience and to become aware of possible patterns of behavior, to identify potential risks associated with alcohol and drug abuse, and to make referrals to appropriate services as necessary. The student will be required to participate in an alcohol and other drug education program. As a result of the serious threat to health and safety, the parents or guardians of the student will be notified.

First time transports are generally not treated as violations of the Conduct Code, unless the students involved in the incident fail to comply with the directives of University officials handling the

transport or appear to have committed other acts defined as prohibited conduct. Subsequent transports may result in charges related to interfering with normal University activity.

If a student refuses to be transported, despite a thorough assessment from an emergency responder, Public Safety officers, and the on-call residence hall professional staff, the student's emergency contact will be notified immediately to provide guidance for the student.

Students' health and safety is the University's first consideration in addressing violations of the alcohol and other drugs policy. Students who act responsibly to protect the welfare of others by seeking immediate medical assistance for those at risk will have their actions noted to their benefit in any related conduct proceedings.

Questions regarding these procedures should be directed to the Office of the Dean of Students, 202-885-3300, 408 Butler Pavilion.

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE(S)

This Policy was effective April 2000 and last reviewed in July 2010.

V. SIGNATURE, TITLE AND DATE OF APPROVAL

This policy needs to be signed by the appropriate officer (listed below) before it is considered approved.

Approved:

Vice President of Campus Life

Date Approved: 10/29/10