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Dear Ms. Bishop:

I am in receipt of your fax, which I received in my office on January 19, 2001. You state that you are an employee of Jackson Memorial Hospital and have been asked to serve as an outside evaluator of the emergency nurses' oral examinations at the School of Nursing at the University Hospital of the West Indies in March 2001. You further state that the University is offering to provide you with round trip airfare and hotel accommodations in Jamaica for the dates of the examination. You wish to know what are the ethical and proper disclosure requirements with respect to this activity.

First and foremost, it seems reasonable for your expenses (airfare and lodging) to be covered by the University so long as you are performing your duties as an outside evaluator. Obviously, if your stay in Jamaica does not coincide exactly with the examination period, you are obligated to pay for the additional expenses you incur.

In light of the fact that you are engaged in a professional activity in return for the trip to Jamaica, I do not find it necessary that you must report these expenses as a gift. As I see it, these expenses are not covered by the gift section of the law because this benefit is derived based on the rendering of professional services as an outside evaluator of a series of oral examinations.

Please understand that I do not have the formal legal authority to issue an ethics opinion. This power rests with the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust. However, I can advise you unofficially that you are not in violation of the Code of Ethics based on the above representations you have made to me. If you want a formal opinion from the Ethics Commission, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers
Executive Director





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1611 N.W. 12th Avenue
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November 29, 2000

Mr. Robert Myers, Executive Director
The Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust
175 NW 1st Avenue, Suite 1101
Miami, Florida 33128

Dear Mr. Myers,

I would like to request your opinion and advice regarding the following circumstance in terms of the proper reporting and disclosure of financial considerations to be rendered to me by the University of the West Indies, Jamaica.

I am an employee of Jackson Memorial Hospital, and the Public Health Trust. I have been asked to act as an outside evaluator of the emergency nurse's oral examinations at the School of Nursing at the University Hospital of the West Indies, Jamaica, on March 15 - 17, 2001.

The University is offering to provide me with round trip airfare and hotel accommodations in Jamaica for the dates of the examinations. No other honorarium or other financial considerations are offered or expected.

Please advise me of the ethical and proper disclosure process for the reporting of this activity in order that I may inform the University of my acceptance of this professional opportunity.

Please find attached the original letter of request addressed to Ms. McSwain from Mrs. Hilda Ming of the University Hospital of the West Indies.

Please contact me if you require further information at (305) 585-6054 or digital beeper (305) 839-4639.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,


Helene D. Bishop, RN

Quality Manager/Education Coordinator
Emergency Services Division

CC: Gloria McSwain, RN, Director of Patient Care Services, Emergency Services Division

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MONA, ST. ANDREW,
JAMAICA, W.I.

October 23 2000

Ms. Gloria M'Swain
Director of Patient Care Services
Emergency Care Center
Jackson's Memorial Hospital

Dear Ms. M'Swain,

We wish to thank you for your ongoing support of the Accident & Emergency Nursing Programs of the University Hospital of the West Indies.

We are again soliciting your kind assistance in the following areas:

- (a) Provision of an external evaluator for the Emergency Nurses' Oral Examination to be held on the 15th March 2001.
- (b) The accommodation of the students in your Emergency Unit from the 25th - 30th March 2001.

Anticipating your usual favourable response.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hilda Ming".

Hilda Ming (Mrs.)
Accident & Emergency
Nurse Educator

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