Patients shall be admitted to Nebraska Medicine in a non-discriminatory manner, based on the patient's need for services, Nebraska Medicine's ability to provide such services, and in compliance with all applicable law and regulations including the Americans with Disabilities Act.

I. RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, AGE, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY
   A. All patients at Nebraska Medicine are to be assigned to all rooms or services without regard to sexual orientation, race, color, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender identity or protected veteran's status or any other status protected by applicable law. Any bed or service may be utilized provided that appropriate care can be given to the patient. Pediatric patients (to age 16) will be assigned to the appropriate unit based on medical need.

II. ABILITY TO PAY
   A. Nebraska Medicine shall provide emergency medical care and treatment to all persons requiring such care and treatment who present themselves for such care and treatment at facilities operated by Nebraska Medicine, without regard to their ability to pay.
   B. Additionally, Nebraska Medicine shall provide free or subsidized follow-up care to such persons where medically and financially indicated. Reference Policy FN 15 – Financial Assistance.
   C. Nebraska Medicine shall provide medical care and treatment to Medicare and Nebraska Medicaid patients in a non-discriminatory manner, and shall enter into, and shall pursue in good faith, negotiations with the State of Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services in order to obtain Medicaid participating provider contracts.

III. TRANSFER OF PATIENTS
   The transfer of patients is not used as a means to avoid compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

IV. BED UTILIZATION
   An appropriate plan will be followed to assure effective bed utilization. (Reference Policy PPU005 Bed Allocation Guideline.)

STAFF ACCOUNTABILITY:
Chief Financial Officer (05/03/2015)
Chief Operating Officer (05/03/2015)
Executive Director, Revenue Cycle (05/03/2015)