ARTICLE I. APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES

1.1 PREAPPLICATION

The following general standards for appointment have been adopted by the Medical Staff and the Board of Trustees. These general standards have been adopted to assist this Hospital in achieving an appropriately high standard of patient care. These are baseline standards. To qualify and receive an application, the applicant must:

a) Be board certified/eligible for an American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) or American Osteopathic Association (AOA) recognized Board (have applied and been approved to sit for the certification examination).

b) Have actively practiced medicine at least 18 months out of the last 24 months (residency or private practice) in areas in which the applicant currently requests privileges. In the event an applicant fails to meet this criterion, they may still be considered for privileges, but the burden will be on the applicant to demonstrate that he/she has maintained an appropriate level of clinical competence, consistent with current Medical staff standards, to hold and exercise the requested privileges.

OR

During two of the past five years, the applicant must have actively held clinical privileges and actively practiced medicine in an accredited hospital in an area directly related to the clinical privileges requested (may include residency).

This requirement may be waived when there is a demonstrated hospital and/or community need for additional physicians in the applicant’s specialty (which may or may not be an ABMS or AOA recognized Board) as determined by the Board of Trustees. If deemed necessary by the Credentials Committee, the applicant must agree to additional monitoring and/or continuing medical education during the provisional appointment period.

c) Have established or plan to establish an office and residence within 45 minutes of Columbus Regional Hospital, based on common online sources such as Mapquest or GoogleMaps, while driving the legal speed limit, to qualify for Active or Courtesy staff status. Upon being granted membership and clinical privileges, the maximum response time is established at 45 minutes, which may be less for certain specialties.

d) Be currently licensed to practice medicine in the State of Indiana and maintain a Controlled Substance Registration (CSR) and a Federal DEA number (if applicable).

e) Be qualified under the Indiana Patient’s Compensation Act or covered under the Federal Tort Claims Act as described in the Medical Staff Bylaws.