

## *MedBiquitous Rules of Participation*

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Thank you for being part of the MedBiquitous<sup>®</sup> Program, a program of the Association of American Medical Colleges (“AAMC”). The MedBiquitous Program offers the health professions education and credentialing community a centralized, trusted place for guidelines, best practices, and collaborations around data and technology advancement and innovation. To ensure the best possible experience for all participants, the AAMC has established some basic rules and guidelines for participation (“Rules”).

If you are an organization that has a signed agreement with the AAMC regarding your participation in the MedBiquitous Program or are participating in the MedBiquitous Program as part of your employment by such an organization, and there is a conflict between these terms and conditions and your signed agreement, the terms and conditions of the signed agreement will control.

### **Terms of Participation in the MedBiquitous Program**

Participating in the MedBiquitous Program is defined as serving as a member of a work or committee, using the MedBiquitous-related AAMC virtual communities, or participating in MedBiquitous events such as webinars or community calls.

As a participant in the MedBiquitous Program, you:

- Will have access to MedBiquitous data standards and resources (“MedBiquitous Standards”) before they are published to the general public;
- May contribute to the work of the MedBiquitous Program, including participation in working groups; and
- Agree that you have read and will follow these Rules throughout your participation.

### **MedBiquitous Program Rules**

Please take a moment to acquaint yourself with these important Rules. You understand that MedBiquitous reserves the right to revise these Rules from time to time without providing notice to you. Your participation with the MedBiquitous Program after such revision marks your acceptance of the Rules as revised. The AAMC recommends you review these Rules regularly, as they are subject to change. Further, the AAMC reserves the right to suspend or terminate program access for participants who do not comport themselves in a manner consistent with these Rules.

- Respect the purpose of the MedBiquitous Program and its community
  - Recognize that the MedBiquitous Program uniquely brings together the international health professions education (HPE) institutional community, including the vendors and organizations that support it.
  - Use the MedBiquitous Program to share successes, challenges, constructive feedback, questions, and goals.
  - Do not post or engage in commercial messaging. Commercial, or promotional, messages are messages with the primary purpose of advertising or promoting a commercial product or service, including content on a website operated for commercial purposes. A reference to a commercial entity or a link to the website of a commercial entity does not alone make it a commercial email.

- Respect intellectual property
  - The MedBiquitous Standards are available to all under the terms of the [MedBiquitous<sup>®</sup> Standards Public License and Terms of Use](#). Other than this license, the AAMC retains all rights, title, and interest in and to the MedBiquitous Standards.
  - Participants that modify any part of the MedBiquitous Standards will not then represent to the public, through any act or omission, that the resulting modification is an official specification of the MedBiquitous Program unless and until such modification is officially adopted as provided.
  - Participants may provide intellectual property, suggestions, data, or other information to the Program regarding the development of MedBiquitous Standards and possible improvements to the MedBiquitous Program, and any inventions, product improvements, modifications, or developments made by the MedBiquitous Program will be the exclusive property of the AAMC (“Program Improvements”). Each participant hereby assigns to AAMC any and all right, title, and interest participant has or may acquire in, to, or under any Program Improvements. Unless AAMC expressly agrees otherwise in writing, AAMC shall have no obligation to make any Program Improvements.
  - Respect the copyrights of others and only share materials or information that you have the right or permission to share.
  - Respect antitrust laws.
  - The MedBiquitous Program must not be a vehicle for individuals or organizations to reach unlawful agreements regarding prices, terms of sale, customers, or markets or engage in other aspects of anti-competitive behavior.
  - Antitrust laws generally prohibit agreements among competitors on price, salaries, or other topics affecting the ways they compete against each other. Those laws can also prohibit talking about those topics or exchanging non-public information if that discussion or exchange leads to a lessening of competition. The antitrust laws apply to for-profit and nonprofit institutions, including colleges, universities, and hospitals, and prohibit agreements reducing competition for students, medical residents, doctors, and other employees.

Further, your participation in the MedBiquitous program is governed by the [AAMC Website Terms and Conditions](#) and [Privacy Statement](#), as amended from time to time. If you have any questions about these Rules, please contact [medbig@aamc.org](mailto:medbig@aamc.org).