October 20, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

As University Counsel at East Tennessee State University and the Quillen College of Medicine I attest that medical residents and physicians employed by the State of Tennessee are state employees within the purview of the Certificate of Self Insurance of Robert E. Cooper dated February 16, 2009.

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CERTIFICATE OF SELF INSURANCE

The State of Tennessee self insures its exposures in general liability, automobile liability, professional malpractice and workers' compensation. The limits of liability for general liability, professional malpractice and automobile liability are $300,000 per person and $1 million per occurrence. The limits of liability under workers’ compensation are those set forth in T.C.A. § 50-6-101 et seq. Copies of the statute which authorize actions against the State of Tennessee, establish the State’s limit of liability, and authorize self insurance through the Risk Management Fund, are set forth in T.C.A. § 9-8-101 et seq.

The State’s self insurance program insures all liability created under Title 9, Chapter 8 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, for all State departments, agencies and institutions, including State institutions of higher education. This program is effective for any acts or omissions of the State or its employees which occur on or after January 1, 1985. Persons wishing to file a claim for damages against the State of Tennessee arising from an act or omission of the State or its employees should file a claim with the State Treasury Department, Division of Claims Administration, 9th Floor, Andrew Jackson State Office Building, 502 Deaderick Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0202.

Robert E. Cooper, Jr.  
Attorney General and Reporter

David H. Lillard, Jr.  
Chairman, Board of Claims

2-16-09  
Date

02-23-2009  
Date