

Removal of BRG Sponsorship Requirement**Effective : 08-31-2007*****Purpose:***

Revise the BRG membership rules to remove the requirement for each new member to have a sponsoring BRG member.

Rationale:

Years of experience with on-boarding new members has demonstrated the infeasibility of requiring BRG membership sponsorship. Not only does it put an undue burden on existing BRG members, but it could also lead to a potential conflict of interest between members or potential members who are industry competitors.

Within the last year GSMP has made significant improvements to its new member welcome package, including an informational website and soon-to-be-delivered eLearning program. The availability of these materials further negates the need for BRG sponsorship as an on-boarding methodology.

Process:

The BRG membership sponsorship requirement will be removed from the GSMP membership rules. All relevant documentation (User Manual and Staff Handbook) will be updated as well.

Approval:

This PCN was approved at the GSMP Process Group Meeting on 6-Aug-2007.