Credentialing/Recredentialing Criteria
Non-Physician HealthCare Practitioner
CERTIFIED DIABETIC EDUCATOR

In order to treat Plan members, the Plan must assure itself that practitioners affiliating with the Plan are appropriately credentialed. To that end, the following items constitute the credentialing and recredentialing criteria for independently practicing Certified Diabetic Educators (CDEs) who are not affiliated with a participating facility or physician.

In addition to the requirements of Policies CR-01A and CR-02A, Certified Diabetic Educators must meet the following specialty-specific credentialing and recredentialing criteria:

Applicants will be considered only when no facility-based or physician-based participating Certified Diabetic Educator is available within a fifty (50) mile radius.

1. Must be a MD, Registered Nurse, Registered Dietician, or Social Worker.

2. Have been and continue to be in good standing in the practitioner community, in addition to possessing a current certificate from the Certification Board for Diabetes Care and Education (formerly known as the National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators). Such certification must be recognized by the appropriate licensing authority as evidence of the practitioner's ability to render services to the general public.

3. Not have been convicted of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or false statement, or other acts that may be grounds for suspension or termination of the practitioner's right to practice.

4. All changes in licensure or alleged medical liability involving any Plan member must be reported to the Plan within ten (10) business days of notification to the practitioner.

5. Have sufficient facilities and support staff needed to provide all services that may be required of members for the specialty practiced by the practitioner.

6. Have professional liability insurance coverage of $1,000,000 per occurrence and $3,000,000 aggregate.

7. Be willing to participate in and accept the results of the Utilization Management and Quality Management Programs of the Plan.

8. The practitioner must authorize the release of information regarding professional history and agree to absolve the Plan and its personnel from any liability associated with the review and/or evaluation of the practitioner's credentials.

9. Have completed and certified the accuracy of the information provided in the application and provide documentation upon request regarding previous and current challenges to licensure, loss of membership in any professional organization, and previous and current pending medical

liability actions.

10. Be able to provide all services that may be required in a timely manner pursuant to agreement for the designated appointment category.

11. Practitioner coverage must be provided by another Plan participating practitioner.

12. The practitioner must be willing to be listed as a participating practitioner in Plan literature.

13. Applicant will submit three (3) references including at least one (1) reference from a department head or direct supervisor.

14. Be in good mental and physical health.

15. Have appropriate background, training, experience, and current clinical competence.