

## **Credentialing/Recredentialing Criteria Non-Physician HealthCare Practitioner – GERONTOLOGY NURSE PRACTITIONER**

In order to be able to treat members, the Plan must assure itself that the practitioners affiliating with the Plan are appropriately credentialed. To that end, the following items will constitute the credentialing/recredentialing criteria for Gerontologic Nurse Practitioners Specialists.

1. Have been and continue to be in good standing in the practitioner community. This includes holding a valid current certification and registration to practice as a Gerontologic Nurse Practitioner and have such certification and registration recognized by the State of New York or the appropriate licensing authority, as proof that the practitioner met all requirements for certification and registration and demonstrates the ability to render services to the general public.
2. Must meet the requirements set forth in the New York State Education Law with respect to the education, training and experience to be certified and registered as a Gerontologic Nurse Practitioner. Have appropriate background and training as required by the Plan and defined by the New York State Education Department. This includes, but is not limited to, holding a master's or higher degree in Gerontology, or its equivalent.
3. Hold certification from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (GNP-BC) or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioner Certification Board (GNP) The practitioner must continue to adhere to all board requirements to maintain said certification.
4. Consistent with the New York Nurse Practitioners Modernization Act, evidence of more than 3,600 hours of experience practicing as a licensed or certified Nurse Practitioner in the specialty field in which the applicant Nurse Practitioner is seeking to participate in Plan's network.
5. At the time of recredentialing, independently practicing Gerontologic Nurse Practitioner will be required to provide evidence of 50 hours of annualized CEUs.
6. Not have been convicted of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or false statement, or other acts, which may be grounds for suspension or termination of your right to practice.
7. 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.
8. Have sufficient facilities and support staff needed to provide all the services which may be required of members for the specialty practiced by the practitioner.
9. Have \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence / \$3,000,000.00 general aggregate professional liability insurance.
10. Be willing to participate in and accept the results of the Utilization Management and Quality Management/Improvement Programs.
11. The practitioner must authorize the release of information regarding professional history and agrees to absolve the Plan and its personnel from any liability to the practitioner or associate with review and/or evaluation of the practitioner's credentials.
12. Have completed and certified the accuracy of the information provided in the application and provided 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.
13. Be able to provide all services which may be required in a timely manner pursuant to agreement for the designated appointment category.

14. Until July 1, 2026, a Nurse Practitioner with more than 3,600 hours of experience is not required to provide evidence of collaborating with a physician, a written practice agreement and written practice protocols.
15. Must provide 24/7 coverage for patients. Practitioner coverage must be provided by another Plan participating practitioner.
16. The practitioner must be willing to be listed as a participating practitioner in Plan literature.
17. Applicant will submit three (3) references including at least one (1) reference from a department head or direct supervisor.
18. Be in good mental and physical health.
19. Have appropriate background, training, experience and current clinical competence required by the Plan.
20. Obtain and maintain a valid DEA license in accordance with the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).