Credentialing/Recredentialing Criteria
Non-Physician HealthCare Practitioner
MIDWIFERY

In order to be able to treat 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 Midwives.

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

1. Have been and continue to be in good standing in the practitioner community, including graduation from a midwifery educational program recognized by the New York State Education Department or determined to be equivalent; successful completion of a licensing examination approved by the New York State Education Department; and possession of a current license to practice as a Midwife recognized by the appropriate licensing authority as evidence of the practitioner's ability to render midwifery services to the general public.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. Have sufficient facilities and support staff needed to provide all the Midwifery services that may be required by members.

5. Have professional liability insurance coverage of $1,000,000 per occurrence and $3,000,000 aggregate. Practitioners providing home birth services must maintain insurance coverage that expressly includes home births.

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

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. Be able to provide all services that may be required in a timely manner pursuant to the participating practitioner agreement issued to a Midwife by the Plan.

10. Must maintain a collaborative arrangement as permissible under the law with a licensed, participating physician who is board certified as an obstetrician-gynecologist by a national certifying body; or a licensed participating physician who practices obstetrics and has obstetric admitting privileges at a general hospital where patients will be referred by the Midwife if there are complications with pregnancy; or a hospital that provides obstetrics through a licensed physician who has obstetrical admitting privileges that provide for consultation, collaborative management, and a referral to address the health status and risks of his or her patients, and that includes plans for emergency medical gynecological and/or obstetrical coverage.

11. Have and maintain facility privileges or have submitted verification from a credentialed physician that he/she will provide continuity of care for the patients of the practitioner who are in need of admission.

12. Be willing to be listed as a participating practitioner in the 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.

16. Have and maintain a valid DEA, as identified by Office of Professions with the prescriptive privilege designation.