Credentialing/Recredentialing Criteria
Non-Physician HealthCare Practitioner
WOMEN'S HEALTH 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 constitute the credentialing and recredentialing criteria for Women's Health Nurse Practitioners Specialists.

In addition to the requirements of Policies CR-01A and CR-02A, Women's Health Nurse Practitioners must meet the following specialty-specific credentialing and recredentialing criteria:

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 Women's Health 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 Women's Health 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 Women's Health, or its equivalent.

3. Hold certification from the National Certification Corporation (NCC) in Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner (WHNP-DB) The practitioner must continue to adhere to all NCC 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. Practitioners must complete and provide documentation of fifty (50) annualized continuing education units (CEUs) as part of the recredentialing process.

6. 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.

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 services that may be required of members for the specialty practiced by the practitioner.

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

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 agree to absolve the Plan and its personnel from any liability associated with the review and/or evaluation of the practitioner's credentials.

12. 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.

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

14. Consistent with applicable New York State law, Nurse Practitioners with more than 3,600 hours of qualifying practice experience are not required to maintain a written practice agreement, written practice protocols, or a collaborative relationship with a physician as a condition of practice.

15. Must have 24/7 coverage for patients. Coverage must be provided by another Plan participating practitioner in the same or a similar specialty.

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 registration in accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).