

Credentialing-Recredentialing Criteria Practitioners

A. PHYSICIAN PRE-APPLICATION SCREENING CRITERIA

License	MD, D.O., D.P.M., D.D.S. with current, unrestricted license to practice medicine in state in which the network is established.
Hospital Privileges	Has or is applying for privileges at a Network Hospital or meets acceptable exception criteria (rural area, non-hospital based specialty, etc.).
Malpractice	Current professional liability coverage with no history of denial or cancellation.
Network Panel Status	Meets specific Network panel membership need as documented in the current board resolution on panel status.

B. GENERAL PRACTITIONER SELECTION CRITERIA

Application and Attestation	Application with attestation as to completeness and correctness. Incomplete applications will be returned. Complete applications will include name; degree; date of birth; specialty; board certifications; address and phone; TIN; work history for the past five years; license state, number and expiration date; answers to all professional questions and health status questions; education institution, degree and graduation date; training institution(s), specialty(s), and dates; certificate of insurance with a current expiration date; hospital privileges; DEA for state(s) in which the applicant is currently practicing, Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (BNDD) number and expiration date; original application signature and original release signature no more than 180 days prior to receipt of application.
State License	Verified, current and unrestricted license in the states in which network is established. Providers with a Federal Active License will be reviewed by the Membership Committee for consideration to participate or continue participation in the network.
Education	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MDs and DOs: Graduation from medical school. Successful completion of a residency except: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. General Practitioners who graduated from medical school prior to 1985 or b. The lack of a panel physician would create a public health hardship in a specific community. 2. DDSs: Graduation from dental school and completion of specialty training as applicable. 3. DPMs: Graduation from podiatry school and completion of a residency, as applicable.

DEA	Verified, Current Federal Drug Enforcement Administration Certificate (DEA #) for state(s) in which the applicant is currently practicing or a valid explanation of the lack thereof for practitioners practicing in a non-prescribing specialty (e.g. optometry, pathology, radiology). If applicant has a pending DEA or is qualified to prescribe and chooses not to prescribe, applicant must provide written and dated documentation of arrangement with prescribing practitioner that holds a valid DEA.
State BNDD	Verified, Current state BNDD if applicable
Current Liability Coverage	Maintain at least the minimal amount of professional liability insurance as required by the state law with no history of denial or cancellation.
Malpractice History	<p>Each provider that applies for participation will be evaluated using the following criteria:</p> <p>In instances when there is a history of involvement in a malpractice suit(s), arbitration, or settlement preceding the initial credentialing process, or the interval between re-credentialing processes, evidence that this history does not demonstrate possible future sub-standard professional performance.</p>
Privileges	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Current unrestricted admitting privileges consistent with the licensure in a Network hospital, or2. Physician is in a specialty which does not traditionally admit patients and has courtesy or consulting privileges at a network hospital, e.g., Anesthesiology, Dermatology, or DPM.3. Physician is in a specialty or subspecialty frequently used as a consultant, and has consulting privileges at a Network hospital, e.g. Psychiatrist or4. Physician has a transfer agreement with a physician/hospitalist or direct referral with admitting privileges at a Network hospital, or5. The lack of a panel physician would create a public health hardship in a specific community.
Impairment	Absence of any condition that impairs judgment or performance of essential functions of practice with or without accommodation (including mental, substance abuse, or other health problems) currently or over the past 5 years.
Suspension or Probation	<p>Absence of or valid justification of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Probation or suspension from professional medical societies, or2. Loss or limitations of hospital privileges, or3. History of loss of license, or4. Medicare or Medicaid Sanctions.
Work History	Included with the application, five (5) consecutive years history or length of practice if less than 5 years, with no gaps of six (6) months or more, or, in the case of a gap, an explanation via email, fax or mail from the provider regarding that time period.
Criminal Indictment	No felony conviction or indictment including a plea of no lo contendre.
NPDB	Satisfactory report.

C. ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR NON PHYSICIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS

<p>State License or Certification</p>	<p>Verified and current license as a psychologist, social worker, professional counselor, or clinical nurse specialist/psychiatric and mental health nurse practitioner in the state in which network is established or certified as a substance abuse counselor in the state in which the network is established or possessing a master’s degree in the health sciences field along with three (3) years experience in providing substance abuse services. Each provider licensure must meet the requirements of the state regulatory board.</p>
<p>Education</p>	<p>Provider must have degree in appropriate fields from an accredited university program recognized by the appropriate certifying body:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW, LMSW) –Masters or doctoral degree in social work with emphasis in clinical social work. 2. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC/LCPC/LIMHP) – Masters or doctoral degree in counseling or education with counseling field of study (doctoral in Divinity does not meet criteria). 3. Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC) - Masters degree in counseling or meet same qualifications. 4. Licensed Clinical Psychotherapist (LCP) – Masters degree in psychology. Licensed as an LMLP, or meet same qualifications. 5. Licensed Psychologist (LP) - Doctorate degree in field of psychology 2 years of supervised work experience. 6. Licensed Master Level Psychologist (LMLP) - Master degree in field of psychology. 7. Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist (LCFMT) – Masters or doctoral degree in Marriage and Family Therapy or related field of study 8. Licensed Marriage Family Therapist (LMFT) - Masters or Doctorate degree in Marriage and Family Therapy OR a related field which contained coursework considered to be equivalent to the Marriage and Family therapy program 9. Clinical Nurse Specialist/Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner – Masters degree in nursing with specialization in psychiatric and mental health nursing and certified by American Nurses Association (ANA) in psychiatric nursing. 10. Clinical Psychologist – Doctoral degree 11. Licensed Addiction Counselor (LAC) - Baccalaureate degree in addiction counseling or a related field. 12. Licensed Clinical Addiction Counselor (LCAC) - Masters degree in addiction counseling or a Masters degree in a related field. 13. Behavior Analyst (BA) - Bachelor's or graduate degree and completed course work for licensure as a behavior analyst.
<p>Experience</p>	<p>Provider must comply with state guidelines regarding clinical experience in each counseling specialty. The experience must be completed in an appropriate mental health or chemical dependency treatment facility.</p>
<p>Practice Patterns</p>	<p>Emphasis on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outpatient therapy. 2. Short-Term problem focused therapy instead of long-term insight-oriented therapy. 3. Availability of 24-hour crisis intervention. 4. Willingness to participate in utilization management, quality assurance, credentialing and sanctioning processes.

D. CREDENTIALING CRITERIA FOR APRN (NP, CNM) AND PA

State License APRN	<p>Valid and current RN license by the state in which the provider practices.</p> <p>Valid and current document of recognition (certification type) as required by the state in which the provider practices.</p>
State License PA	Valid and current PA license by the state in which the provider practices.
DEA	Verified, Current Federal Drug Enforcement Administration Certificate (DEA #) for state(s) in which the applicant is currently practicing or a valid explanation of the lack thereof for practitioners practicing in a non-prescribing specialty (e.g. optometry). If applicant has a pending DEA or is qualified to prescribe and chooses not to prescribe, applicant must provide written and dated documentation of arrangement with prescribing practitioner that holds a valid DEA.
Education and Certification	<p>Graduation from a training program and appropriate post-graduate training program resulting in licensure and certification (current or expired):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NP – certification program accredited by The National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) such as ANCC, PNCB, AANP. 2. CNM – certification by the National Certification Corporation of OB/GYN and Neonatal Nursing, American College of Nurse Midwives, or American Midwifery Certification Board. 3. NP must be certified by National Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing Practice if performing psychotherapy. 4. PA – certification by the National Commission of Certification of Physician’s Assistants in the applicable specialty. 5. If the lack of a panel NP or PA would create a public health hardship in a specific community as determined by the Board, the Board may waive the certification requirement. 6. The ProviDRs Care Board of Directors waives the certification requirement for the NP or PA based on information provided by the applicant or knowledge of the applicant’s medical skills. If either of these measures is unavailable, the Committee may request additional information from known and reputable resources.
Grandfather Clause	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Current participating APRN providers that have chosen not to obtain certification will be considered for continuing participation if the provider graduated before 1976. In addition to standard recredentialing process, providers are required to submit two letters of reference from peer with non-economic relationship. All letters of reference will be reviewed to determine network eligibility. 2. Current participating P.A. providers will be considered for continuing participation. In addition to standard recredentialing process, providers are required to submit two letters of reference from peer with non-economic relationship. All letters of reference will be reviewed to determine network eligibility.
Privileges	May be required to have Allied privileges with a Network hospital.

Supervision Agreement	<p>Must be supervised by at least one (1) Network Physician who abides by the APRN Supervision Policy, works under a written Network approved protocol and is currently licensed as a physician in the states in which network is established and practices in a specialty appropriate to the NP, PA or CNM.</p> <p>In accordance with KSBHA Statutes and Regulations Chapter 65 Article 28b (65-28b02), a certified nurse midwife may provide clinical services without the requirement of a Collaborative Practice Agreement with a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery when such clinical services are limited to those associated with a normal uncomplicated pregnancy and delivery, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the prescription of drugs and diagnostic tests; (2) the performance of episiotomy or repair of a minor vaginal laceration; (3) the initial care of the normal newborn; and (4) family planning services, including treatment or referral of male partners for sexually-transmitted infections.
Controlled Substance Form	Controlled substance form completed and signed by PA/APRN and supervising Network Physician, if applicable.

E. CREDENTIALING CRITERIA FOR AuD, SLP, RD AND RDNs

State License	<p>Valid and current license by the state in which the provider practices.</p> <p>Valid and current document of recognition (certification type) as required by the state in which the provider practices.</p>
Education and Certification	<p>Graduation from a training program and appropriate post-graduate training program resulting in licensure and certification (current or expired):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AuD– Master's degree or equivalent from an educational institution with standards consistent with those of the state universities or accredited by ASHA. For providers who possess at least a doctorate degree or equivalent in audiology from an educational institution on or after January 1, 2012 and any individual who possesses at least a Masters degree or equivalent in audiology prior to January 1, 2012, shall be deemed to have met the educational requirement. 2. SLP- Master's degree or equivalent from an educational institution with standards consistent with those of accredited state universities or accredited by ASHA. 3. RD – Baccalaureate degree or equivalent from an educational institution with standards with those of accredited state universities or approved by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. 4. RDN - Bachelor's degree with course work approved by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics' Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics.