

Credentialing/Recredentialing Criteria Non-Physician HealthCare Practitioner – MIDWIFERY

In order to be able to treat members, the plan must assure itself that the providers affiliating with the plan are appropriately credentialed. To that end, the following items will constitute the credentialing/recredentialing criteria for Midwifery.

1. Have been and continue to be in good standing in the provider community, including; a graduate degree from a midwifery educational program that is recognized by the NYS Education Department or determined to be equivalent; have passed a licensing examination approved by the NYS Education Department and; hold and maintain a current license as a Midwife recognized by the appropriate licensing authority as proof of the provider'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 provider's right to practice.
3. Have reported all changes in licensure or alleged medical liability involving any plan member to the plan within ten (10) business days of notification to the provider.
4. Have sufficient facilities and support staff needed to provide all the Midwifery services that may be required by members.
5. Have and maintain \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence / \$3,000,000.00 general aggregate professional liability insurance. Certificate must expressly cover home births to provide this service for plan members.
6. Be willing to participate in and accept the results of the Utilization Management and Quality Management Programs.
7. Have authorized the release of information regarding professional history and agreed to absolve the plan and its personnel from any liability to the provider associated with review and/or evaluation of the provider's credentials.
8. 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.

9. Be able to provide all services that may be required in a timely manner pursuant to the participating provider 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 provider who are in need of admission.
12. Be willing to be listed as a participating provider in the plan literature.
13. Have submitted 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.