

## **4123-6-02.2 Provider access to the HPP - provider credentialing criteria.**

- (A) The bureau shall establish minimum credentialing criteria for provider certification. Providers must meet all licensing, certification, or accreditation requirements necessary to provide services in Ohio. A provider licensed, certified or accredited pursuant to the equivalent law of another state shall qualify as a provider under this rule in that state. However, if an individual provider's professional license is under revocation or suspension in any state, or is subject to disciplinary restrictions in any state that affect the provider's ability to treat patients or that compromise patient care, the provider shall be ineligible to participate in the health partnership program.
- (B) The minimum credentials for a provider, where applicable based upon the type of provider, are as follows.  
The provider shall:
- (1) Be currently licensed to practice, as applicable, without disciplinary restrictions (including, but not limited to, disciplinary restrictions related to chemical dependency or substance abuse) that affect the provider's ability to treat patients or that compromise patient care.
  - (2) Meet other general certification requirements for the specific provider type, as provided in paragraph (C) of this rule.
  - (3) Possess a current and unrestricted drug enforcement agency registration, unless it is not required by the provider's discipline and scope of practice.
  - (4) Be currently eligible for participation in medicare, medicaid or the Ohio workers' compensation system.
  - (5) Not have a history of a felony conviction in any jurisdiction, a conviction under a federal controlled substance act, a conviction for an act involving dishonesty, fraud, or misrepresentation, a conviction for a misdemeanor committed in the course of practice or involving moral turpitude, or court supervised intervention or treatment in lieu of conviction pursuant to section 2951.041 of the Revised Code or the equivalent law of another state.
  - (6) Attest to and maintain adequate, current professional malpractice and liability insurance, and provide proof of such coverage to BWC upon request. The bureau shall establish the appropriate amount of such insurance coverage for each provider type. In establishing the appropriate amount of insurance coverage for out of state providers, the bureau may consider the regulations or the community standards of the provider's state of practice.
  - (7) Provide documentation of the provider's malpractice history for the previous five years.
  - (8) Not have any outstanding provider overpayment or other indebtedness to the bureau which has been certified to the attorney general for collection.
  - (9) Provide proof of and maintain workers' compensation coverage to the extent required under Ohio law or the equivalent law of another state, as applicable.
  - (10) Not have been excluded or removed from participation in other health plans for cause, or have lost hospital privileges for cause.
- (C) The following minimum credentials apply to the providers listed below as provided in this rule.
- (1) Adult day care facility: Ohio department of aging PASSPORT adult day care provider agreement.
  - (2) Alcohol and drug counseling clinic: certified by Ohio department of alcohol and drug addiction services

to administer outpatient counseling.

- (3) Ambulance, ambulette, or air ambulance service: license from Ohio medical transportation board if private; approved by the centers for medicare and medicaid services (CMS) for medicare if government/public.
- (4) Ambulatory surgical center: license from Ohio department of health and approved by the centers for medicare and medicaid services (CMS) for medicare.
- (5) Anesthesiologist assistant: certificate of registration from Ohio state medical board.
- (6) Athletic trainer: license from Ohio occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic trainer board.
- (7) Audiologist: license from Ohio board of speech-language pathology and audiology.
- (8) Certified nurse practitioner: certified by American nurses credentialing center or other certifying agency recognized by the Ohio board of nursing.
- (9) Certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA): certified by national council on certification of nurse anesthetists or other certifying agency recognized by the Ohio board of nursing.
- (10) Chiropractic physician (D.C.): license from Ohio state chiropractic board.
- (11) Clinical nurse specialist: certified by American nurses credentialing center or other certifying agency recognized by the Ohio board of nursing.
- (12) Comprehensive pain management services program: (free standing) CARF accreditation; (hospital based) CARF or joint commission accreditation.
- (13) Dentist: license from Ohio state dental board.
- (14) Dialysis center: license from Ohio department of health and approved by the centers for medicare and medicaid services (CMS) for medicare.
- (15) Durable medical equipment supplier (excludes orthotics, prosthetics and pedorthics): state vendors license; approved by the centers for medicare and medicaid services (CMS) for medicare; and Ohio respiratory care board home medical equipment certificate of registration.
- (16) Employment specialist (may provide job placement, job development, job seeking skills training, job club, and job coach services):
  - (a)
    - (i) Certification for american board of vocational experts (ABVE), certified rehabilitation counselor (CRC), certified case manager (CCM), global career development facilitator (GCDF), associate certified coach (ACC), professional certified coach (PCC), master certified coach (MCC), certified disability management specialist (CDMS), or commission on accreditation of rehabilitation facilities (CARF) accreditation for employment and community services in job development or employment supports; or
    - (ii) Evidence of completion of three or more courses, seminars or workshops prior to application for certification, totaling a minimum of eighty hours and approved by the bureau or by an entity offering a certification referenced in paragraph (16)(a)(i) of this rule, in at least two of the following domain areas: job development, job placement, and career and lifestyle development;

vocational consultation and services for employers; professional roles and practices, ethics, and utilization of community resources; or

(iii) Evidence of bureau reimbursement to the provider for job placement, job development, job seeking skills training, job club, and/or job coaching services to injured workers for dates of service beginning not less than eighteen months prior to the effective date of this rule.

(b) Employment specialists certified pursuant to paragraph (C) (16)(a)(ii) or (C)(16)(a)(iii) of this rule must complete twenty hours of continuing education, including three hours of ethics, every two years to maintain certification under this rule.

- (17) Ergonomist: certification for certified professional ergonomist (CPE), certified human factors professional (CHFP), associate ergonomics professional (AEP), associate human factors professional (AHFP), certified ergonomics associate (CEA), certified safety professional (CSP) with "ergonomics specialist" designation, certified industrial ergonomist (CIE), certified industrial hygienist (CIH), assistive technology practitioner (ATP), or rehabilitation engineering technologist (RET).
- (18) Hearing aid dealer: license from Ohio hearing aid dealers and fitters licensing board.
- (19) Home health agency: approved by the centers for medicare and medicaid services (CMS) for medicare, joint commission accreditation, or community health accreditation program (CHAP) accreditation, or accreditation through an organization that has been granted deeming authority by the centers for medicare and medicaid services (CMS).
- (20) Hospice: license from Ohio department of health, and approved by the centers for medicare and medicaid services (CMS) for medicare or medicaid certification.
- (21) Hospital: approved by the centers for medicare and medicaid services (CMS) for medicare or obtained national accreditation (joint commission accreditation, or American osteopathic association healthcare facilities accreditation program (HFAP), or commission on accreditation of rehabilitation facilities (CARF) for rehabilitation hospitals). The following facility types shall be credentialed and certified as hospitals: short-term general and specialty hospitals; long-term care hospitals; rehabilitation hospitals; psychiatric hospitals; hospital (provider) based urgent care facilities or clinics as designated on the hospital's medicare cost report.
- (22) Independent diagnostic testing facility (IDTF): approved by the centers for medicare and medicaid services (CMS) for medicare.
- (23) Laboratory: valid clinical laboratory improvement amendments (CLIA) certificate.
- (24) Licensed professional clinical counselor (LPCC) or licensed professional counselor (LPC): license from Ohio counselor, social worker, and marriage and family therapist board.
- (25) Licensed social worker (LSW) or licensed independent social worker (LISW): license from Ohio counselor, social worker, and marriage and family therapist board.
- (26) Massage therapist: certified by Ohio state medical board.
- (27) Non-physician acupuncturist: certificate of registration from Ohio state medical board.
- (28) Nursing home: license from Ohio department of health or approved by the centers for medicare and medicaid services (CMS) for medicare.

- (29) Ocularist: license from Ohio optical dispensers board.
- (30) Occupational rehabilitation-comprehensive programs (work hardening): CARF accreditation.
- (31) Occupational therapist: license from Ohio occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic trainer board.
- (32) Optician: license from Ohio optical dispensers board.
- (33) Optometrist: license from Ohio board of optometry.
- (34) Orthotist, prosthetist or pedorthist: license from Ohio state board of orthotics, prosthetics and pedorthics.
- (35) Physical therapist: license from Ohio occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic trainer board.
- (36) Physician (M.D. or D.O.): license from Ohio state medical board.
- (37) Physician assistant: certified by national commission on certification of physician assistants and certificate to practice from Ohio state medical board.
- (38) Podiatric physician (D.P.M.): license from Ohio state medical board.
- (39) Psychologist: license from Ohio state board of psychology.
- (40) Radiology services (free-standing) state licensing, registration or accreditation; (mobile) state, county or city registration, or approved by the centers for medicare and medicaid services (CMS) for medicare or medicaid certification.
- (41) Residential care/assisted living facility: license from Ohio department of health.
- (42) Sleep laboratory: certified by the American academy of sleep medicine and approved by the centers for medicare and medicaid services (CMS) for medicare.
- (43) Speech pathologist: license from Ohio board of speech pathology and audiology.
- (44) Telemedicine: telemedicine certificate from Ohio state medical board.
- (45) Traumatic brain injury (TBI) program: CARF accreditation for brain injury services (acute or post-acute).
- (46) Urgent care facility (free standing): approved by the centers for medicare and medicaid services (CMS) for medicare.
- (47) Vocational rehabilitation case managers: certification for American board of vocational experts (ABVE), occupational health nursing (COHN(S)), certified rehabilitation counselor (CRC), certified disability management specialist (CDMS), certified vocational evaluator (CVE), certified rehabilitation nurse (CRRN), or certified case manager (CCM).
- (48) Vocational rehabilitation case management interns:
  - (a) Vocational rehabilitation case management may be provided by a bureau-certified intern. An intern is a non-credentialed individual who provides vocational case management services and is supervised by a credentialed vocational case manager, as identified in paragraph (C)(47) of this rule.

- (b) To become eligible for bureau certification and provide service as an intern, the intern must:
  - (i) Enroll with the bureau as an intern.
  - (ii) Qualify to take one of the examinations to become credentialed, as identified in paragraph (C)(47) of this rule.
- (c) Bureau certification of vocational rehabilitation case management interns shall be for a period of four years.
- (d) Vocational rehabilitation case management interns may not be recertified for additional four-year periods.

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