

	Department: Professional Relations Function: Credentialing	Procedure Number PR-CRED-B010
	Credentialing Criteria - Pharmacist	Effective Date: 1/2018 Last Review Date: 3/2024 Last Revision Date: 11/2017 Next Review Date: 3/2025 Owner: Manager, Credentialing Approving Authority: Corporate Credentials Committee

Background

Collaborative drug therapy management (CDTM) is the practice of pharmacy in which a pharmacist performs certain pharmaceutical-related patient care functions for a specific patient. Pharmacists engaged in CDTM, and direct patient care shall possess the education, training, and experience necessary to function effectively, efficiently, and responsibly in that role. Each provider that applies for participation will be evaluated using the following criteria established by the Corporate Credentials Committee.

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Criteria

1. Graduation with a Pharmacy Doctorate (Pharm.D.) or Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy (B.S. Pharm) from an accredited school of pharmacy as recognized by national, state or local requirements to obtain licensure, registration or certification to practice pharmacy.
2. Applicant must have a current, active, unencumbered, and unrestricted license to practice medicine in Kansas. The licensure must be a full clinical level of practice. Full clinical practice level is defined as an unrestricted license that is not subject to probation or limitations on the scope of practice ordinarily granted all other applicants for similar specialty in the granting jurisdiction. A license on probation or with limitations or restrictions does not meet the definition of full clinical level of practice. A temporary license will only be accepted from the Behavioral Science Regulatory Board for Master Level Provider seeking clinical hours to advance their license.
3. Any review/action taken by the licensing board will be reviewed on an individual basis.
4. All pharmacist providers must supply documentation of successful completion of:
 - a. Postgraduate year one pharmacy residency (PGY1), OR
 - b. Earned a Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) or Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy (CCGP) certificate, OR
 - c. In lieu of PGY1, BPS or CCGP, at least three years of documented experience involving direct patient care.
5. To participate as a contracting provider with BCBSKS, all providers must agree complete the CAQH credentialing application.
6. Current professional liability coverage which meets or exceeds minimum limits as established by the State of Kansas, and includes the Applicants name effective and expiration dates. If the Applicants professional liability coverage is part of a groups policy, then submission of the groups professional liability certificate indicating coverage amounts in Kansas, the groups roster indicating who is covered by the policy on the group's letterhead, or an email received with signature line clearly stating the name of the group for the Applicant being credentialed will be accepted as verification of the Applicants individual coverage.



7. In instances when there is a history of involvement in a malpractice suit(s), arbitration, or settlement during the 10 -year period preceding the initial credentialing process, or the interval between re-credentialing process, evidence that this history does not demonstrate probable future sub-standard performance.
8. Absence of patterns of behavior to suggest quality of care concerns.
9. No sanctions placed upon him/her by Medicaid, Medicare, or exclusion by Federal Employee Health Benefit Program. If applicant has such history, applicant will be denied credentialing if applicant: (1) is currently excluded, suspended, or otherwise ineligible to participate in any state or federal healthcare programs, including but not limited to Medicare, Medicaid, or Federal Employee Health Benefit Program or (2) has been convicted of a criminal offense related to the provision of health care items or services and has not been reinstated in a state or federal health care program, after a period of exclusion, suspension, or ineligibility.
10. No disciplinary actions pending or imposed.
11. Absence of any felony convictions. Any misdemeanor or court-martial convictions will be reviewed on an individual basis.
12. No current drug or alcohol abuse. Absence of a history of chemical dependency/substance abuse. For those applicants who have such history, evidence that the applicant is participating in, or has completed a prescribed, monitored treatment program, and that no further current chemical dependency or substance abuse exists.
13. The Credentials Committee shall evaluate all information submitted, including but not limited to supporting documentation provided by the provider during the application process, when determining a decision to approve or deny a provider's credentialing status.
14. The Credentials Committee shall be responsible for evaluating provider applications that do not meet all criteria and give thoughtful consideration to both the credentialing elements and all information provided before making a final determination.



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Process Flow Chart *(if applicable)*
None

Related Forms *(if applicable)*
None

Validation
N/A

Review/Revision Log

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Associated Documents (e.g., policies, procedures, process, standards)

Document Number	Document Name
PR-CRED-B001	Practitioner and Facility Credentialing and Re-Credentialing
PR-CRED-A002	Credentialing Reconsideration
PR-CRED-B002	Credentialing Reconsideration