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Policy and Procedure

Section:	Physician Selection Process	Policy Number:	NM-03
Subject:	Criteria for physician selection as PHO members	Effective Date:	January 7, 1999
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I. Purpose

To provide the criteria by which the PHO selects providers to be members.

II. Policy

The Board has developed specific membership criteria for providers interested in joining the PHO. This policy supercedes the determination of whether a provider meets the credentialing standards as defined in Policy CR-02 . A provider may be denied PHO membership based upon these criteria even if all other credentialing criteria are met.

The Board maintains authority to subsequently alter provider membership criteria.

III. General Criteria

The following criteria are to be applied to all providers requesting PHO membership:

1. The PHO panel will consist of providers practicing in the eight (8) county Cincinnati metropolitan area: Boone (Kentucky), Butler (Ohio), Campbell (Kentucky), Clermont

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(Ohio), Dearborne (Indiana), Hamilton (Ohio), Kenton (Kentucky), and Warren (Ohio).

2. The PHO will limit the panel to those providers delivering a significant volume of services to patients twenty-one (21) years of age and under. Specialty-specific PHO membership criteria are as defined below: (Note: “Active” is defined as those patients seen by provider within the last three (3) years.)

PHO Membership Criteria

Specialty	Minimum Percent of Active Patients <21 yrs. old	Minimum Number of CHMC Cases Per Year ¹
Allergy	25%	n/a
Anesthesiology	90%	250
Cardiothoracic Surgery	25%	25
Family Practice	25%	n/a
Neurology	50%	n/a
Neurosurgery	80%	25
Ophthalmology	75%	25
Orthopedics	25%	25
Otolaryngology	25%	120
Pediatric Surgery	25%	25
Psychiatry	50%	n/a
Radiology	90%	500
Urology	60%	25
All others	60%	n/a

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¹CHMC cases are defined as the number of inpatient and/or outpatient surgical or radiologic procedures performed.

IV. Primary Care Physician Membership Criteria

The following PHO membership criteria are specific to primary care physicians (i.e., pediatricians and family practitioners):

1. All primary care physicians must be members of Ohio Valley Primary Care Associates (OVPCA) as this organization serves as the vehicle for primary care physician participation in the PHO.
2. All physician members of a general pediatric group practice must be PHO members (i.e., group practices may not designate select physicians as PHO members).
3. Pediatricians subsequently joining existing PHO member group practices automatically become PHO members, assuming all credentialing criteria are satisfactorily met.
4. In family practice groups, select physicians can pursue PHO membership. Other physicians in the group practice need not belong to the PHO.

V. Specialist Physician Membership Criteria

The following PHO membership criteria are specific to specialist physicians:

1. For specialist group practices, select physicians can pursue PHO membership. Other physicians in the group practice need not belong to the PHO.
2. Specialist physicians who subsequently join an existing PHO member group practice where all physicians in that group are PHO members, automatically become PHO members (i.e., these physicians are not subject to the aforementioned specialty-specific membership criteria (Section III.2.) or to future network

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development criteria), assuming all credentialing criteria are satisfactorily met. Specialist physicians who subsequently join either an existing PHO member group practice where only select physicians applied for PHO membership at the time that particular group practice initially entered the PHO or join a PHO member group practice that has experienced a change in ownership since initial PHO entry are ineligible for “automatic” PHO entry. Under these circumstances, decisions regarding specialists’ PHO membership will be based on the aforementioned specialty-specific criteria (Section III.2.), credentialing requirements (Policy CR-02), and network development considerations (Section VI).

3. A recommendation from the OVPCA Board of Trustees is required for specialist physicians to be considered for PHO membership. The only specialists exempt from this requirement are those who subsequently join existing PHO member group practices where all physicians in that practice are PHO members.

VI. Physician Network Development

The PHO will develop a network development methodology identifying physician need by specialty. Issues such as geographic coverage, patient access, and volume of clinical services required by current and projected number of pediatric lives covered through PHO contracts will be considered.

Chair, Board of Trustees

Date