

CRITERIA FOR HOSPITAL PARTICIPATION

In order to be eligible to be a Plan Hospital, the Hospital must continuously meet each of the following requirements:

1. The Hospital must hold an unrestricted license by the state in which it is located.
2. The Hospital must have professional liability coverage in the amounts specified for the type of Hospital as stated in the Provider Agreement or as otherwise agreed to so long as the coverage complies with minimum amounts required under applicable law.
3. The Hospital must be accredited by a recognized accreditation body or, at a minimum, participate in the Medicare or Medicaid programs.
4. The Hospital must have negative responses to each of the following questions, unless the Plan, after full disclosure by the Hospital, waives the requirement:
 - a. Has the Hospital's license to operate been limited, suspended, revoked, or placed on probation, within the last ten years?
 - b. Has the Hospital's federal or state pharmacy permits been limited, suspended, revoked, or placed on probation, within the last ten years?
 - c. Has the Hospital been subject to sanctions by a professional standards review organization (PSRO) or by a utilization and quality control peer review organization (PRO), within the last ten years?
 - d. Has the Hospital, an officer, or a board member been convicted of any crime, whether felony or misdemeanor, in the last ten years?
 - e. Has the Hospital's participation in Medicare or Medicaid been limited, suspended, revoked, or placed on probation, within the last ten years?
 - f. Have civil monetary penalties under the Medicare or Medicaid program been assessed against the Hospital, within the last ten years?
 - g. Has the Hospital's accreditation by any accrediting organization (including the Joint Commission for Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations) been limited, suspended, revoked, or placed on probation, within the last ten years?
 - h. Have sanctions of any kind been imposed on the Hospital by any other health care licensure or accreditation organization, within the last ten years?
 - i. Has the Hospital voluntarily accepted any of the above sanctions or restrictions under the threat of same, or voluntarily resigned from any such organization, under threat of the same, within the last ten years?
 - j. Have any medical malpractice judgments been entered against the Hospital or settled with payment made by the Hospital, or on its behalf, within the last ten years? Any pending medical malpractice claims against the Hospital?