

**PARTNERSHIP HEALTHPLAN OF CALIFORNIA
POLICY/ PROCEDURE**

Policy/Procedure Number: MPCR13A		Lead Department: Network Services Business Unit: Credentialing	
Policy/Procedure Title: Credentialing of Hospice and Palliative Care Medicine Specialist		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> External Policy <input type="checkbox"/> Internal Policy	
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I. RELATED POLICIES:

MPCR300 Physician Credentialing and Re-credentialing Requirements
 MCUP3020 Hospice Services
 MCUP3140 Palliative Care: Pediatric Program for Members Under the Age of 21
 MCUP3137 Palliative Care: Intensive Program (Adult)

II. IMPACTED DEPTS:

Network Services

III. DEFINITIONS:

N/A

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

N/A

V. PURPOSE:

To establish credentialing criteria for the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) recognized specialty of Hospice and Palliative Care. There has been a specifically outlined pathway to credentialing set forth by the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Care Medicine that has included a grand parenting for those physicians who have practiced the specialty but not taken a fellowship.

VI. POLICY / PROCEDURE:

Each specialist must meet all the criteria to be a Partnership HealthPlan of California (Partnership) contracted specialist, as stated in Policy MPCR300 Section V.B: Initial Credentialing Criteria. Refer also to "Application to be a Contracted Outpatient Palliative Care Provider" as noted in Related Policies MCUP3137 Attachment D and MCUP3140 Attachment C.

In order to be recognized as a specialist in Hospice and Palliative Care the physician must satisfy the following requirements:

- A. Having previously been Board Certified by the American Board of Hospice and Palliative Medicine with an expiration date of December 31, 2008 or later OR
- B. Have current Board Certification in Hospice and Palliative Medicine recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties OR
- C. Be currently Board of Hospice and Palliative Medicine eligible and planning to sit for the board examination with future credentialing pending passing the examination OR
- D. Be currently Board of Hospice and Palliative Medicine eligible based upon completing an accredited

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fellowship in the specialty.

- E. Under existing federal law, licensed health professionals employed by a tribal health program are required to be exempt, if licensed in any state, from the licensing requirements of the state in which the tribal health program performs specified services.

VII. REFERENCES:

- A. American Board of Palliative Care Medicine
B. Assembly Bill No. 1896 2011-2012 Session, Chapter 119, Section 719 (a)

VIII. DISTRIBUTION:

- A. Partnership Provider Manual

IX. DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURE:

Network Services

X. REVISION DATES:

10/9/2013, 8/13/2014, 09/15/2015, 02/09/2016, 03/08/2017, 03/14/2018, 08/08/2018, 08/14/2019, 04/08/2020, 04/14/2021, 04/13/2022, 04/12/2023, 04/10/2024, 04/09/25, 04/08/26

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