

Policy Name: Non-Primary Care Specialist Designation (HHP-19)

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Approval Signature: 

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Definitions:

"HHP" means Hawai'i Health Partners, LLC.

"HPH" means Hawai'i Pacific Health.

"Non-Primary Care Specialist" means a participant who practices in family medicine, internal medicine or pediatrics and does not have a panel of patients.

"Primary Care Provider" means a participant having a panel of patients/attribution lives and serving as the patient's first point of entry into the health care system, and as the principle provider for the comprehensive health care needs of the patient, e.g., family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics.

"Specialist" means a participant primarily practicing in the specialties defined by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC).

"Subspecialist" means a participant primarily practicing in the subspecialties defined by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC).

Purpose:

This policy defines the credentialing process by which HHP reviews and evaluates a participant as a non-primary care specialist.

Policy / Procedure:

- A. Upon receiving notification from HPH facilities regarding HHP participants with internal medicine and pediatric subspecialties modifying their clinical privileges resulting in changes of specialties to internal medicine or pediatrics, the modification will be forwarded to HHP Credentialing Committee.
- B. HHP Credentialing Committee will evaluate the modification and if appropriate, recommend to the Board of Managers the designation of the participant as a "non-primary care specialist" having no panel of patients.

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- C. Upon approval by the Board of Managers, an acknowledgement letter will be sent to the participant. This designation will be recorded in the ECHO Database, Facilities, Section field. The change in specialty will be recorded in the ECHO Database, Expertise field.
- II. Participants with this designation will be recredentialed according to the Recredentialing Policy, HHP-09.
- III. This policy does not limit other specialists or subspecialists being designated as “non-primary care specialist” having no panel of patients as evaluated by the HHP Credentialing Committee.
- IV. For quality performance program (QPP) and shared savings program (SSP) for this designation, refer to the Program Guide for Physicians.

Related Documents:

HRS § 453-1 et seq. (Medicine and Surgery – Generally)
HAR § 16-93-1 et seq. (Osteopaths)
HAR § 16-85-1 et seq. (Medical Examiners)
Recruiting and Credentialing Committee – Composition and Functions Policy (HHP-02)

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