

Subject: Membership Process

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Objective:

- I. To ensure an objective process is in place that reviews physician applications for membership in Tuality Health Alliance against objective criteria.
- II. To join providers who do the majority of their work at Tuality Healthcare Facilities.

Definitions:

Active staff membership is defined as more than 50% of physician's admits come to Tuality Community Hospital

Policy:

- I. Criteria for Full THA Membership
 - A. Primary Care Physician
 1. Must be duly licensed to practice medicine in the State of Oregon.
 2. Applicant must apply for and have Tuality Community Hospital (TCH) privileges and practice greater than 50% of the time at TCH.
 3. May be an employed physician at TCH, self employed or employed with a local physician group.
 4. May not be an employee or similar relationship of a health plan, health plan controlled organization, nor be an employee or similar relationship of a hospital or sponsored/controlled organization, or be an employee or similar relationship of a physician professional corporation or group practice which is not a member of THA.
 4. Work with an established clinic not outside of the western Washington County geographic area.
 5. Must be able to respond within 30 minutes to the hospital when on call or enrolled with the TCH Hospitalist program
 6. May decide whether a nurse practitioner employed by them or in practice with them could serve as a PCP

- B. Referral Specialists
 1. Must be duly licensed to practice medicine in the State of Oregon.
 2. More than 50% of practice is at Tuality Community Hospital
 3. May be an employed physician at TCH, self employed or employed with a local physician group.
 4. Work with an established clinic inside of the western Washington County geographic area.
 5. Must be able to respond within 30 minutes to the hospital when on call.

- C. Benefits of Full Membership
 1. May Chair Committees
 2. May be a Physician Board Representative
 3. Voting privileges
 4. Decide whether a nurse practitioner employed by them or in practice with them could serve as a PCP
 5. Fee for service withholds
 6. Eligible for quality bonus fund

- II. Criteria for Associate Members
 - A. Referral Specialists
 1. Must be duly licensed to practice medicine in the State of Oregon
 2. Active status not required
 3. May be courtesy staff
 4. May be employed with TCH contracted organizations
 5. Not considered Primary Care Providers

 - B. Benefits of Associate Membership
 1. Not eligible to chair committees
 2. No voting privileges
 3. Quality Bonus fund eligibility at the discretion of the Board

- III. Contracted Providers
 - A. Referral Specialists
 1. Office location outside the western Washington County geographical area
 2. May or may not have courtesy staff privileges at TCH
 3. Don't participate at meetings

- B. Primary Care
 - 1. If the Full or Associate member wants a Nurse Practitioner to serve as a PCP, then that Nurse Practitioner would become a Contracted provider with THA.

- IV. All Providers providing care to THA members
 - A. Must have the ability to participate in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

 - D. The practitioner applicant must be able to provide professional services in a manner consistent with the practices and policies of THA.

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THA Plan Director

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