

Subject: Membership Process

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Objective:

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

Definitions:

Active staff consists of those physicians or practitioners who admit or refer the majority of their patients, needing hospital care, 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 Active Staff privileges at Tuality Community Hospital
 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.
 5. Work with an established clinic within the western Washington County geographic area.
 6. Must be able to respond within 30 minutes to the hospital when on call or may be enrolled with the TCH Hospitalist program.
 - B. Specialists
 1. Must be duly licensed to practice medicine in the State of Oregon.

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2. Applicant must apply for and maintain Active Staff privileges at Tuality Community Hospital. May be an employed physician at TCH, self employed or employed with a local physician group.
 3. Work with an established clinic inside of the western Washington County geographic area.
 4. 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 Representative on Board of Directors
 3. Voting privileges
 4. Grant PCP status to a nurse practitioner employed by them or in practice with them;
 5. Participate in gain sharing programs;
 6. Eligible for quality bonus fund;
 7. Streamlined credentialing process for all THA contracts
- II. Criteria for Associate Members
- A. Primary Care
If the Full THA member requests a Nurse Practitioner in his/her practice to serve as a PCP, that Nurse Practitioner would become an Associate member of THA once initial credentialing was approved as long as they maintained an affiliation with the Full THA member.
- B. Specialists
1. Must be duly licensed to practice medicine in the State of Oregon
 2. Courtesy Status on TCH Medical Staff
 3. May be employed with TCH contracted organizations
 4. Not considered Primary Care Providers
- C. Allied Practitioners – Nurse Practitioners, Physicians Assistants and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists
1. Nurse Practitioners and Physicians’ Assistants that practice in association with a Full THA physician may at the request of the Full THA physician enter into an Associate membership agreement with THA.
 2. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists that are “active staff” at Tuality Community Hospital may apply for Associate member status with THA.

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- D. Benefits of Associate Membership
 - 1. Quality Bonus fund eligibility at the discretion of the Board
 - 2. Streamlined credentialing process for all THA contracts

- III. Contracted Providers-Specialists
 - A. Office location outside the western Washington County geographical area

 - B. May or may not have courtesy staff privileges at TCH

 - C. Don't participate at meetings

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

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

- V. Physicians who have Full Membership Status and change their staff privileges to Honorary may retain their membership status so long as they continue to see patients and meet all other membership criteria.

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