

Professional provider types must meet certain criteria to be eligible for network participation. Use the chart below to view our criteria requirements, based on provider type.

Provider Type	Criteria
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Acupuncturist</b></p>	Work History
	License – Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners
	Certification – National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM)
	Professional Malpractice Insurance Certificate \$100,000/\$300,000 with Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (LPCF) OR \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000 without LPCF OR Self Insurance through the LPCF
	Malpractice History – <b>Judgement or settled claims only</b>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Applied Behavioral Analysts (ABA)</b></p>
License – Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board	
Professional Malpractice Insurance Certificate \$100,000/\$100,000 Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (LPCF) is not required	
Malpractice History – <b>Judgement or settled claims only</b>	
Training & Education	
Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Audiologist</b> (Speech - Language Pathologist &amp; Audiologist) Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</p>	Work History
	License – Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
	Professional Malpractice Insurance Certificate \$100,000/\$300,000 Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (LPCF) is not required
	Malpractice History – <b>Judgement or settled claims only</b>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions
	Work History

Provider Type	Criteria
<p align="center"><b>Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)</b></p>	Work history
	License – Copy of Registered Nurse (RN) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)
	DEA License
	CDS License
	Professional Malpractice Insurance Certificate \$100,000/\$300,000 with Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (LPCF) OR \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000 without LPCF OR Self Insurance through the LPCF
	Malpractice History – <b>Judgement or settled claims only</b>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions
<p align="center"><b>Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)</b> Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</p>	Work History
	License – Copy of Registered Nurse (RN) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)
	Professional Malpractice Insurance Certificate \$100,000/\$300,000 Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (LPCF) is required OR \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000 without LPCF OR Self Insurance through the LPCF
	Malpractice History – <b>Judgement or settled claims only</b>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions
<p align="center"><b>Certified Registered Nurse First Assistant (CRNFA)</b> Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</p>	Work History
	License – Copy of Registered Nurse (RN) or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)
	Copy of CRNFA Certificate
	Professional Malpractice Insurance Certificate \$100,000/\$300,000 Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (LPCF) OR \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000 without LPCF OR Self Insurance through the LPCF
	Malpractice History – <b>Judgement or settled claims only</b>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions

Provider Type	Criteria
<p><b>Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)</b>  <b>Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</b></p>	Work history
	License – Copy of Registered Nurse (RN) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)
	DEA license
	CDS license
	Collaborating Agreement with Physician
	Professional Malpractice Insurance Certificate \$100,000/\$300,000 with Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (LPCF) OR \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000 without LPCF OR Self Insurance through the LPCF
	Malpractice History – <b>Judgement or settled claims only</b>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions
	<p><b>Doctor of Chiropractic (DC)</b>  <b>Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</b></p>
License – Louisiana State Board of Chiropractic Examiners	
Professional Malpractice Insurance Certificate \$100,000/\$300,000 with Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (LPCF) OR \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000 without LPCF OR Self Insurance through the LPCF	
Malpractice History – <b>Judgement or settled claims only</b>	
Training & Education	
Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions	
<p><b>Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry (DMD)</b>  <b>Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</b>  <b>Includes Dental Sub-Specialties:</b> Endodontist, Periodontist, Prosthodontist, Pediatric Dentistry, Orthodontist</p>	
	License – Louisiana State Board of Dental Examiners
	Anesthesia Permit
	DEA License <i>not required for Orthodontist</i>
	CDS License <i>not required for Orthodontist</i>
	Professional Malpractice Insurance Certificate \$100,000/\$300,000 with Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (LPCF) OR \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000 without LPCF OR Self Insurance through the LPCF
	Malpractice History – <b>Judgement or settled claims only</b>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions

Provider Type	Criteria
<p align="center"> <b>Doctor of Osteopathic (DO)</b>  <b>Doctor of Medicine (MD)</b>  <b>Medicare number is required</b>  <b>for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</b> </p>	Hospital Privileges
	With the exception of Hospital-Based Anesthesiology, Hospital-Based Pathology, Hospital-Based Radiology, Podiatric Medicine, Dermatology, Allergy & Immunology, Psychiatry, Sleep Medicine, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Physiatry), Medical Genetics and Radiology providers that “read films” only on patients that are directed to a diagnostic facility by another provider
	Work history
	Medical License
	DEA License
	CDS License
	Board Certification (MD), if applicable
	Board Certification (DO), if applicable
	Professional Malpractice Insurance Certificate \$100,000/\$300,000 with Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (LPCF) OR \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000 without LPCF OR Self Insurance through the LPCF
	Malpractice History – <b><i>Judgement or settled claims only</i></b>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions
<p align="center"> <b>Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM)</b>  <b>Podiatric Medicine or Podiatric Surgery</b>  <b>Medicare number is required for</b>  <b>Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</b> </p>	Hospital Privileges
	Only required for Podiatric Surgery
	Work history
	Medical License – Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners
	DEA license (only required for podiatric surgery)
	CDS license (only required for podiatric surgery)
	Board Certification
	Professional Malpractice Insurance Certificate \$100,000/\$300,000 with Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (LPCF) OR \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000 without LPCF OR Self Insurance through the LPCF
	Malpractice History – <b><i>Judgement or settled claims only</i></b>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions

Provider Type	Criteria
<p align="center"><b>Hearing Aid Dealer</b> Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</p>	Work history
	License – Louisiana Board for Hearing Aid Dealers
	Professional Malpractice Insurance Certificate \$100,000/\$300,000 Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (LPCF) is not required
	Malpractice History – <b><i>Judgement or settled claims only</i></b>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions
	<p align="center"><b>Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)</b> Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</p>
License – Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners	
Professional Malpractice Insurance Certificate \$100,000/\$100,000 Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (LPCF) is not required	
Malpractice History – <b><i>Judgement or settled claims only</i></b>	
Training & Education	
Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions	
<p align="center"><b>Louisiana Addictive Counselor (LAC)</b></p>	
	License – Louisiana Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority
	Professional Malpractice Insurance Certificate \$100,000/\$100,000 Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (LPCF) is not required
	Malpractice History – <b><i>Judgement or settled claims only</i></b>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions
	<p align="center"><b>Louisiana Professional Counselor (LPC)</b> Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network only if with a Rural Health Clinic (RHC) and Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)</p>
License – State of Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselor Board of Examiners	
Professional Malpractice Insurance Certificate \$100,000/\$100,000 Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (LPCF) is not required	
Malpractice History – <b><i>Judgement or settled claims only</i></b>	
Training & Education	
Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions	

Provider Type	Criteria
<p align="center"><b>Nurse Practitioner (NP)</b>  <b>Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</b></p>	Work history
	License – Copy of Registered Nurse (RN) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)
	DEA License OR letter from Supervising/Collaborating physician that works at same office/will write prescriptions on NP's behalf
	CDS License OR letter from Supervising/Collaborating physician that works at same office/will write prescriptions on NP's behalf
	Copy of Collaborating Agreement with physician – collaborating physician must participate in the same networks as the NP
	Professional Malpractice Insurance Certificate \$100,000/\$300,000 with Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (LPCF) OR \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000 without LPCF OR Self Insurance through the LPCF (can be through the collaborating physician)
	Malpractice History – <b>Judgement or settled claims only</b>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions
	<p align="center"><b>Occupational Therapy (OT)</b>  <b>Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</b></p>
License – Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners	
Professional Malpractice Insurance Certificate \$100,000/\$300,000 Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (LPCF) is not required	
Malpractice History – <b>Judgement or settled claims only</b>	
Training & Education	
Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions	
<p align="center"><b>Optometry (OD)</b>  <b>Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</b></p>	Work history
	License – Louisiana State Board of Optometry
	Professional Malpractice Insurance Certificate \$100,000/\$300,000 Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (LPCF) is not required
	Malpractice History – <b>Judgement or settled claims only</b>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions

Provider Type	Criteria
<p align="center"><b>Physician Assistant (PA)</b>  <b>Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</b></p>	Work history
	License – Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners
	DEA License OR letter from Supervising/Collaborating physician that works at same office/will write subscriptions on PA's behalf
	CDS License OR letter from Supervising/Collaborating physician that works at same office/will write subscriptions on PA's behalf
	Copy of Intent to Practice Agreement with physician that participates in same networks as PA
	Professional Malpractice Insurance Certificate \$100,000/\$300,000 with Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (LPCF) OR \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000 without (LPCF) OR Self Insurance through the LPCF (can be through Collaborating Physician)
	Malpractice History – <b><i>Judgement or settled claims only</i></b>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions
	<p align="center"><b>Psychologist (Ph.D. or M.P.)</b>  <b>Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</b></p>
License – Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologist	
License – Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (Only for M.P.)	
Professional Malpractice Insurance Certificate \$100,000/\$100,000 Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (LPCF) is not required	
Malpractice History – <b><i>Judgement or settled claims only</i></b>	
Training & Education	
Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions	
<p align="center"><b>Physical Therapy (PT)</b>  <b>Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</b></p>	Work history
	License – Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy
	Professional Malpractice Insurance Certificate \$100,000/\$300,000 Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (LPCF) is not required
	Malpractice History – <b><i>Judgement or settled claims only</i></b>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions

Provider Type	Criteria
<b>Registered Dietician &amp; Nutrition (RD)</b> Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network	Work history
	License – Louisiana Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition
	Professional Malpractice Insurance Certificate \$100,000/\$300,000 with Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (LPCF) OR \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000 without LPCF OR Self Insurance through the LPCF
	Malpractice History – <b>Judgement or settled claims only</b>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions
<b>Registered Nurse First Assistant (RNFA)</b> Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network	Work History
	License – Copy of Registered Nurse (RN) or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)
	Copy of RNFA Certificate
	Professional Malpractice Insurance Certificate \$100,000/\$300,000 Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (LPCF) OR \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000 without LPCF OR Self Insurance through the LPCF
	Malpractice History – <b>Judgement or settled claims only</b>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions
<b>Rural Health Clinic</b>	Providers who practice at Rural Health Clinics are credentialed according to the individual specialty listed in this document
<b>Speech-Language Pathologist &amp; Audiologist (SLP)</b> Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network	Work history
	License – Louisiana State Board of Speech, Language Pathologist and Audiologist
	Professional Malpractice Insurance Certificate \$100,000/\$300,000 Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (LPCF) is not required
	Malpractice History – <b>Judgement or settled claims only</b>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions



**Telehealth**

Our credentialing policy includes additional guidance for the provision of telehealth services to our members.

<b>Provider Type</b>	<b>Criteria</b>
<b>Telehealth In-network provider (Louisiana-based)</b>	Must be in the process of completing or have completed standard credentialing and contracting according to provider type
	Must be employed or affiliated with a physical practice or group located in Louisiana that participates in same network
<b>Telehealth Out-of-state provider (With a Louisiana-based practice affiliation)</b>	The out-of-state telehealth provider must be employed or affiliated with a Louisiana-based group or entity
	The Louisiana group or entity must be in the process of completing or have completed standard credentialing and contracting
	Must have a Louisiana state license as required for specialty OR have a Louisiana telehealth permit by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, if not in possession of Louisiana state license
<b>Telehealth Out-of-state provider (Without a Louisiana-based practice affiliation)</b>	Must be credentialed and contracted by another Blue plan
	Can be individually credentialed/contracted or part of a group or entity that is credentialed/contracted with the out-of-state Blue plan
<b>National telehealth solution/vendor</b>	A national telehealth solution contracts directly with Blue Cross and Blue Shield Louisiana to offer members telehealth services accessible in the home plan region and outside of it to ensure access while members are out of their home plan area