

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;">Acupuncturist</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 – <i>Judgment or settled claims only</i>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions
<p style="text-align: center;">Applied Behavioral Analysts (ABA)</p>	Work History
	License – Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board
	Professional Malpractice Insurance Certificate \$100,000/\$100,000 Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (LPCF) is not required
	Malpractice History – <i>Judgment or settled claims only</i>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions
<p style="text-align: center;">Audiologist (Speech - Language Pathologist & Audiologist)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 – <i>Judgment or settled claims only</i>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions
	Work History

Provider Type	Criteria
<p align="center">Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)</p>	Work history
	License – Copy of Registered Nurse (RN) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)
	DEA License OR Prescriptive Authority Letter signed by physician* that works in same office that will write prescriptions on the CNM’s behalf. (*Physician must participate in same networks as CNMs)
	CDS License OR Prescriptive Authority Letter signed by physician* that works in same office that will write prescriptions on CNM’s behalf. (*Physician must participate in same networks as CNMs)
	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 – <i>Judgment or settled claims only</i>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions
<p align="center">Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) 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 – <i>Judgment or settled claims only</i>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions
<p align="center">Certified Registered Nurse First Assistant (CRNFA) 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 – <i>Judgment or settled claims only</i>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions

Provider Type	Criteria
<p>Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</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 – <i>Judgment or settled claims only</i>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions
	<p>Doctor of Chiropractic (DC) Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</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 – <i>Judgment or settled claims only</i>	
Training & Education	
Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions	
<p>Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry (DMD) Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network Includes Dental Sub-Specialties: 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 – <i>Judgment or settled claims only</i>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions

Provider Type	Criteria
<p align="center">Doctor of Osteopathic (DO) Doctor of Medicine (MD) Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</p>	<p align="center">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</p>
	<p align="center">Work history</p>
	<p align="center">Medical License</p>
	<p align="center">DEA License</p>
	<p align="center">CDS License</p>
	<p align="center">Board Certification (MD), if applicable</p>
	<p align="center">Board Certification (DO), if applicable</p>
	<p align="center">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</p>
	<p align="center">Malpractice History – <i>Judgment or settled claims only</i></p>
	<p align="center">Training & Education</p>
	<p align="center">Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions</p>
	<p align="center">Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) Podiatric Medicine or Podiatric Surgery Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</p>
<p align="center">Work history</p>	
<p align="center">Medical License – Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners</p>	
<p align="center">DEA license (only required for podiatric surgery)</p>	
<p align="center">CDS license (only required for podiatric surgery)</p>	
<p align="center">Board Certification</p>	
<p align="center">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</p>	
<p align="center">Malpractice History – <i>Judgment or settled claims only</i></p>	
<p align="center">Training & Education</p>	
<p align="center">Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions</p>	

Provider Type	Criteria
<p align="center">Hearing Aid Dealer 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 – Judgment or settled claims only
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions
	<p align="center">Licensed Addiction Counselor (LAC)</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 – Judgment or settled claims only	
Training & Education	
Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions	
<p align="center">Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) 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 – Judgment or settled claims only
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions
	<p align="center">Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) 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 – Judgment or settled claims only	
Training & Education	
Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions	

Provider Type	Criteria
<p>Louisiana Registered Doulas</p>	Work history
	Training & Education
	Copy of CPR Certification
	Registry Approval Notification from the Louisiana Doula Registry
	Professional Malpractice Insurance Certificate \$100,000/\$300,000 Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (LPCF) is not required
	<p>Nurse Practitioner (NP) Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</p>
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 – Judgment or settled claims only	
Training & Education	
Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions	
<p>Occupational Therapy (OT) Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</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 – Judgment or settled claims only
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions

Provider Type	Criteria
<p align="center">Optometry (OD) Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</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 – Judgment or settled claims only
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions
	<p align="center">Physician Assistant (PA) Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</p>
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 – Judgment or settled claims only	
Training & Education	
Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions	
<p align="center">Psychologist (Ph.D. or M.P.) Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</p>	Work history
	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 – Judgment or settled claims only
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions

Provider Type	Criteria
<p align="center">Physical Therapy (PT) Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</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 – <i>Judgment or settled claims only</i>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions
<p align="center">Registered Dietician & Nutrition (RD) Medicare number is required for Medicare Advantage (MA) Network</p>	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 – <i>Judgment or settled claims only</i>
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions
<p align="center">Registered Nurse First Assistant (RNFA) 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 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 – <i>Judgment or settled claims only</i>
	Training & Education
<p align="center">Rural Health Clinic</p>	Providers who practice at Rural Health Clinics are credentialed according to the individual specialty listed in this document

Provider Type	Criteria
Speech-Language Pathologist & Audiologist (SLP) 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 – Judgment or settled claims only
	Training & Education
	Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions

Telehealth

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

Provider Type	Criteria
Telehealth In-network provider (Louisiana-based)	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
Telehealth Out-of-state provider (With a Louisiana-based practice affiliation)	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
Telehealth Out-of-state provider (Without a Louisiana-based practice affiliation)	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