

## **Additional Information for Providers Interested in Credentialing as CHIP Perinatal Providers**

Where can we find policies related to credentialing and provisional credentialing to participate as a STAR, CHIP, or CHIP Perinatal Provider?

Texas law, i.e., §1452.006, Texas Insurance Code, requires that any rule of the commissioner adopted under §843.102, TIC, for HMO physician/provider credentialing comply with standards adopted by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), to the extent that the NCQA's standards do not conflict with other laws of this state. The Credentialing Requirements can be found in 28 TAC §11.1902(4) and (7), and 11.2207 (d)(4) & (d)(7).

§1452.006, Texas Insurance Code (TIC):

<http://tlo2.tlc.state.tx.us/statutes/docs/IN/content/word/in.008.00.001452.00.doc>

§843.102, TIC:

<http://tlo2.tlc.state.tx.us/statutes/docs/IN/content/word/in.006.00.000843.00.doc>

28 TAC §11.1902(4) and (7):

[http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.TacPage?sl=T&app=9&p\\_dir=N&p\\_rloc=128032&p\\_tloc=&p\\_ploc=1&pg=94&p\\_tac=&ti=28&pt=1&ch=11&rl=1](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.TacPage?sl=T&app=9&p_dir=N&p_rloc=128032&p_tloc=&p_ploc=1&pg=94&p_tac=&ti=28&pt=1&ch=11&rl=1)

28 TAC §11.2207 (d)(4) & (d)(7):

[http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p\\_dir=&p\\_rloc=&p\\_tloc=&p\\_ploc=&pg=1&p\\_tac=&ti=28&pt=1&ch=11&rl=2207](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=28&pt=1&ch=11&rl=2207)

National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA):

<http://www.healthchoices.org/About/>

**How does a provider get credentialed or provisionally credentialed?**

The provider applies to become a network provider through the HMO and must meet the NCQA criteria mentioned above.

**What is provisional credentialing?**

NCQA allows provisional credentialing based on the following verifications:

- Current and signed application with attestation
- Primary source verification of current, valid license to practice
- Primary source verification of the past five years of malpractice claims or settlements from the malpractice carrier or the results of the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) query.

In addition, some HMOs go beyond the criteria outlined above and include the following verifications:

- Primary source verification of board certification, if applicable
- Primary source verification of DEA Certificate, if applicable
- Primary source verification of Medicare/Medicaid sanctions
- Primary source verification of state board sanctions through Federation of State Medical Boards for MDs, DOs and PAs and through state licensing agency for all other provider types

In addition, please be aware of the following related to provisional credentialing:

The Texas Department of Insurance has advised HHSC-Health Plan Operations that they are allowing provisionally credentialed providers to be included in the provider directories. Therefore, HHSC will also make this provision. However, the provisionally-credential providers can be included in the directory as such only once. Providers must be fully credentialed by the time that the directories are updated, which is required at least quarterly.