

State of Oklahoma

Department of Rehabilitation Services

Network Provider

Physician Contract

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APPENDIX:

CONTRACT SIGNATURE PAGE

**DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES
NETWORK PROVIDER
PHYSICIAN CONTRACT**

It is hereby agreed between the Department of Rehabilitation Services and the Physician named on the signature page, that the Physician shall be a provider in the Department of Rehabilitation Services' network of providers.

This contract is entered into for the purpose of defining the conditions for reimbursement by the Department of Rehabilitation Services to the Physician. It in no way is meant to impact on the Physician's decision as to what he or she considers appropriate Medical treatment.

I. RECITALS

- 1.1 The Department of Rehabilitation Services, hereinafter DRS, is a statutory body created by 74 O.S. 2004, § 166.1, as amended, to administer and manage a certain program of Medical care for persons eligible for public assistance.
- 1.2 The Physician is duly licensed by the State of Practice as a practitioner of the healing arts or recognized Medical specialty and satisfies additional criteria as established by DRS.
- 1.3 The intent of this Contract is to provide access to quality Medical health care at an affordable, competitive cost to DRS and its beneficiaries.
- 1.4 Failure to abide by any of the following provisions may result in non-renewal of the Contract or may be cause for termination.

II. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 "Allowable Fee" means the maximum charge payable to a Physician for a specific procedure in accordance with the provisions in Article VI of this Contract. The Physician shall charge the usual and customary fee unless the fee schedule limits otherwise.
- 2.2 "Emergency medical condition" means a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) so that a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in a condition described in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) of section 1867(e)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395dd(e)(1)(A)).
- 2.3 "Hospital Services" means those acute care inpatient and outpatient hospital services that are pre-authorized by DRS.
- 2.4 "Medical" means belonging to the study and practice of medicine for the prevention, alleviation or management of a physical or mental defect, illness, or condition.
- 2.5 "Medically Necessary" means services or supplies that, under the provisions of this Contract, are determined to be:
 - a) appropriate and necessary for the symptoms, diagnosis or treatment of the medical

- b) condition, and
 - c) provided for the diagnosis and treatment of the medical condition, and within standards of acceptable, prudent medical practice within the community, and
 - d) not primarily for the convenience of the beneficiary, the beneficiary's Physician or another provider, and
 - e) any condition which, if left untreated, could deteriorate into a life threatening situation, and
 - f) the most appropriate supply or level of service that can safely be provided.
- For hospital stays, this means that the acute care as an inpatient is necessary due to the kind of services the beneficiary is receiving or the severity of the beneficiary's condition, and that safe and adequate care cannot be received as an outpatient or in a less intensified medical setting.
- 2.6 "Medical Services" means the professional services provided by a Network Physician and pre-authorized by DRS.
- 2.7 "Beneficiaries" means all persons eligible for benefits provided by DRS as determined by established criteria.
- 2.8 "Network Physician" means a licensed practitioner of the healing arts who has entered into this Contract with DRS to accept scheduled reimbursement for pre-authorized Medical services provided to its beneficiaries.
- 2.9 "Prior Authorization" means a function performed by DRS to assess the health care services available to the beneficiary and authorize appropriate services prior to services being rendered.
- 2.10 "Third Party Payer" means an insurance company or other entity making payment directly to the Physician on behalf of DRS.

III. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DRS AND THE PHYSICIAN

- 3.1 DRS has negotiated and entered into this Contract with the Physician on behalf of the individuals who are beneficiaries of DRS. The Physician is an independent contractor who has entered into this Contract to become a network provider and is not, nor is intended to be, the employee, agent or other legal representative of DRS in the performance of the provisions of this Contract. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed or be deemed to create a relationship contrary to that of independent contractor for the purposes of this Contract.
- 3.2 Nothing in this Contract is intended to be construed, or be deemed to create any rights or remedies in any third party, including but not limited to, a beneficiary or a network Physician other than the Physician named in this contract.

IV. PHYSICIAN SERVICES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 The Physician agrees to provide quality Medical care in a cost efficient manner.
- 4.2 For the purpose of reimbursement, the Physician shall provide services to beneficiaries that are deemed appropriate and pre-authorized under the established benefits of DRS.
- 4.3 The Physician agrees to submit billing data and records of treatment in the manner and

form prescribed by DRS. The individual's Medical case records will be available during regular working hours to authorized representatives of DRS and copies thereof will be furnished by the Physician when requested by an authorized representative of DRS. The Physician agrees to retain one copy of the billing data and records of treatment and all other records upon which a claim is based, in its file for a period of six (6) years.

- 4.4 It is understood that any person seeking Medical services has the right to make application for payment on his behalf by DRS for compensable services provided by the Physician. The Physician and/or Physician's office staff agrees to assist the patient in making application for such care and services.
- 4.5 Authorized representatives of DRS shall have the right to make physical inspections of the Physician's office and to examine such records as they relate to financial statements submitted under this Contract or to payments claimed by the Physician under this Contract; and to conduct audits of the financial records of the Physician, at any time, as provided by 56 O.S., §222 and the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42, § 431.107.
- 4.6 The Physician agrees that all information provided is true, accurate and complete. The Physician understands that payment and satisfaction of all claims will be from Federal and State funds, and that any false claims, statements or documents, or concealment of a material fact, may subject the Physician to prosecution under applicable Federal and State laws. The Physician further agrees that work, services or materials shown by any invoice or claim have been completed or supplied in accordance with the plans, specifications, order or requests furnished. The Physician further agrees that he/she has made no payment, given or donated or agreed to pay, give or donate, either directly or indirectly to any elected official, officer or employee of the State of Oklahoma of money or any other thing of value to obtain payment.
- 4.7 The Physician agrees to disclose to DRS, prior to approval or renewal of this Contract, the name of any person who has an ownership or controls an interest in, or is an agent or managing employee of the Physician who has been convicted of a criminal offense related to such person's involvement in any program under Titles V, XVIII, XIX, or XX of the Social Security Act since inception of these programs.
- 4.8 The provider shall submit a current, complete and accurate Oklahoma Uniform Credentialing Application (ODH Form 606) and EGID OUCA Supplement. The Physician shall notify the Network Manager of any change in the information contained in the application within fifteen (15) days of such change, including resolved litigation listed as "pending" on the original Application.
- 4.9 The Physician shall disclose ownership and control interests at the time of entering into this Contract on the required Federal reporting form and at other times that DRS or the Secretary of Health and Human Services may require and in a form designated by DRS.
- 4.10 The Physician agrees to submit, within thirty-five (35) days of the date on a request by DRS full and complete information about:
 - a) The ownership of any subcontractor with whom the Physician has had business transactions totaling more than \$25,000 during the twelve (12) month period ending on the date of the request;
 - b) Any significant business transactions between the Physician and any wholly owned supplier, or between the Physician and subcontractor, during the five (5) years period ending on the date of the request.

- 4.11 The Physician agrees and understands that payment cannot be made by DRS to vendors providing care and/or services under Federally-assisted programs unless care and/or service is provided without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, disability or unless program enabling legislation permits on the basis of age. This assures DRS is in compliance with, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations, 76.500. These laws and regulations prohibit excluding from participation in, denying the benefits of, or subjecting to discrimination, under any program or activity receiving Federal Financial Assistance, any person on the grounds of race, color, national origin, any qualified person on the basis of disability or without distinctions made on the basis of age except as legislatively permitted or required. Written complaints of non-compliance with either law should be made to the Director of Rehabilitation Services, 3535 NW 58th St., Ste. 500, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112.

V. DRS SERVICES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1 DRS agrees to pay the Physician compensation pursuant to the provisions of Article VI, subject to the appropriate application of procedural coding recommendations.
- 5.2 DRS agrees to grant the Physician the status of “Network Provider” and to identify the Physician as a network provider on informational materials disseminated to beneficiaries.
- 5.3 DRS agrees to continue listing the provider as a network provider until this Contract terminates.
- 5.4 DRS agrees to provide the practitioner access to a list of all network providers.
- 5.5 DRS agrees to adhere to confidentiality of patient's records and to only release pertinent clinical information in accordance with State and Federal guidelines.
- 5.6 DRS shall give a forty-eight-hour (48) notice prior to an audit.
- 5.7 DRS agrees to provide appropriate documentation to beneficiaries for the verification of prior authorization procedures and to establish the provision of appropriate health care.
- 5.8 DRS shall maintain prior authorization programs for all prescribed Medical services.

VI. COMPENSATION AND BILLING

- 6.1 The Physician shall seek payment only from DRS for the provision of Medical services except as provided in paragraphs 6.3. The payment from DRS shall be limited to the amounts referred to in paragraph 6.2.
- 6.2 DRS agrees to pay the Physician's billed charge for each procedure or the fee set by DRS for that procedure, whichever is less. DRS shall have the right to categorize what shall constitute a procedure. DRS and the beneficiary's financial liability shall be limited to the procedures allowable as determined by DRS, paid by applying appropriate coding methodology, whether the Physician has billed appropriately or not.
- 6.3 The Physician agrees to accept the payment from DRS as full and complete payment for services for recipients of public assistance. If the patient is a recipient of Medical Assistance, Rehabilitation Services only, payment from the Department shall represent payment in full except the Physician may collect an amount not to exceed that shown on DRS Form DRS-C-100, Medical services Authorization.

- 6.4 MS-MA-r, Notification of Eligibility Status for Medical Services or DHS Form MS-S-4, Notification of Eligibility Status for Medical Services for Persons Under 21 Years of Age, or Medical Services Authorization, VR-A-302-A.
- 6.5 The Physician shall bill DRS on forms acceptable to DRS within 1 year of providing the Medical services. The Physician shall use current CPT codes with appropriate modifiers and ICD or DSM diagnostic codes, when applicable. The Physician shall furnish, upon request at no cost, all information, including Medical records, reasonably required by DRS to verify and substantiate the provision of Medical services and the charges for such services if the beneficiary and the Physician are seeking reimbursement through DRS.
- 6.5 DRS shall reimburse the Physician within thirty (30) days of receipt of billings that are accurate, complete and otherwise in accordance with Article VI of this Contract. DRS will not be responsible for delay of reimbursement due to circumstances beyond DRS' control.
- 6.6 The Physician agrees to release all Physician liens for which payment has been made for Title XIX by DRS and notify DRS. However, this provision does not affect the Physician's entitlement to file a lien or liens for non-pre-authorized services.
- 6.7 DRS shall have the right at all reasonable times and, to the extent permitted by law, to inspect and duplicate all Medical and billing records relating to Medical services rendered to beneficiaries at no cost to DRS or the beneficiary.
- 6.8 The Physician shall refund within 30 days of discovery to the beneficiary any overpayments made by the beneficiary.

VII. UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 The Physician shall adhere to and cooperate with DRS' established prior authorization procedures.

VIII. LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

- 8.1 Neither party to this Contract, DRS nor the Physician, nor any agent, employee or other representative of a party, shall be liable to third parties for any negligent act by commission or omission of the other party in performance of this Contract and the terms and provisions herein.
- 8.2 The Physician, at his/her sole expense, shall maintain a minimum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) aggregate of insurance coverage for professional liability. If the hospital, at which the Physician has admitting privileges, has different limits, the Physician is subject to those limits per this contract.

IX. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 9.1 DRS and the Physician agree that their authorized representatives will meet in a timely manner and negotiate in good faith to resolve any problems or disputes that may arise in performance of the terms and provisions of this Contract. Nothing in this Article shall interfere with either party's rights under Article X.

X. TERM AND TERMINATION

- 10.1 The term of this Contract shall be for one year commencing on the prescribed date, or the effective date on the signature page, whichever is later, and shall remain in effect until terminated by either party subject to 10.2.

- 10.2 Either party may terminate this Contract with or without cause, upon giving 30 day notice pursuant to 11.2.
- 10.3 Nothing in this Contract shall be construed to limit either party's remedies at law or in equity in the event of a material breach of this Contract.
- 10.4 This Contract shall terminate with respect to a Physician upon:
- a) the loss or suspension of the Physician's license to practice medicine in the State of Practice; or
 - b) failure to maintain Physician's professional liability insurance in accordance with this Contract.
- 10.5 Following the effective date of termination, this Contract shall be of no further force or effect, except that each party shall remain liable for any obligations or liabilities arising from activities carried on by it hereunder prior to the effective date of termination of this Contract.
- 10.6 Following termination of this Contract, DRS shall continue to have access to the Physician records of care and services provided to beneficiaries for six (6) years from the date of provision of the services to which the records refer as set forth in Paragraph 6.7.

XI. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 11.1 This Contract or any of the rights, duties, or obligations of the parties hereunder, shall not be assigned by either party without the express written consent and approval of the other party.
- 11.2 Any notice required to be given pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Contract shall be in writing, postage prepaid, and shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to DRS at the mailing address below or the Provider at the mailing address listed on the Application. The notice shall be effective on the date indicated on the return receipt:

Department of Rehabilitation Services
ATTN: Network Management
P.O. Box 57630
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73157-7630

The Network Newsletter serves as the primary method by which providers receive all other notifications mandated by the terms of the provider contracts. These notices from EGID may be sent via electronic newsletters distributed electronically to each Network Provider's correspondence email address. Printed newsletters are sent via the postal service to the mailing address on record for providers without internet access or those who have undeliverable email addresses.

- 11.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph 11.1 of this Contract, DRS may appoint an administrator to administer any of the terms of the Network Contract referenced herein, and any and all duties or acts required of DRS under this Contract and to receive any notices required by this Contract.
- 11.4 This Contract, together with its exhibits, contains the entire agreement between DRS and the Physician relating to the rights granted and the obligations assumed by the parties concerning the provision of Medical services to beneficiaries. Any prior agreements, promises, negotiations, or representations, either oral or written, relating to the subject matter of this Contract not expressly set forth in this Contract are of no force or effect.

- 11.5 This Contract, or any part, section or exhibit of, or attached to it, may be amended at any time during the term of the Contract by mutual written consent of duly authorized representatives of DRS and the Physician.
- 11.6 This Contract is subject to all applicable federal laws, Oklahoma State Statutes and rules and regulations. Any provision of this Contract that is not in conformity with existing or future legislation shall be considered amended to comply with such legislation. Any interpretations or disputes with respect to contract provisions shall be resolved in accordance with federal laws and State of Oklahoma statutes.
- 11.7 The terms and provisions of this Contract shall be deemed to be severable one from the other, and the determination at law or in a court of equity that one term or provision is unenforceable, shall have no effect on the remaining terms and provisions of this entire Contract, or any one of them, in accordance with the intent and purpose of the parties hereto.
- 11.8 In accordance with Presidential Executive Order 12549, all providers certify that neither they nor their principals are presently debarred or suspended or otherwise ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs.
- 11.9 All Providers certify that neither they nor their principals are presently debarred or suspended or otherwise ineligible according to the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS)/Office of Inspector General (OIG) excluded provider lists.

**Department of Rehabilitation Services
Network Provider
Physician Contract Signature Page**

When signed by both parties below, this constitutes agreement and acceptance of all terms and conditions contained in the Physician Contract. DRS and the Physician further agree that the effective date of the Contract is the effective date denoted on the copy of the executed Signature Page returned to the Physician. The original of the signed document will remain on file in the office of the Department. By signing, both parties agree that this document shall become a part of the Contract.

FOR THE PHYSICIAN:

Name (Typed or Printed)

Signature

NPI

Federal Tax ID Number

Primary Service Address:

FOR DRS:

Executive Director
Department of Rehabilitation Services
3535 NW 58th St., Ste. 500
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

Please return completed application, signature page and attachments to:

**Department of Rehabilitation Services
Attn: DRS Network Management
P.O. Box 57630
Oklahoma City, OK 73157
Phone: 405-717-8921 or toll-free 888-835-6919
Fax: 405-717-8977**