



**Guidelines to Credential Provisional Licensed Clinicians*
for Inclusion in the Magellan Behavioral Health Provider Network**

***For the purposes of this policy, Provisional Licensed Clinicians includes psychologists, mental health practitioners, and alcohol and drug counselors.**

1. Provisional licensed clinicians employed by a contracted organization** in the Magellan Network continue to be accepted for network participation in all counties throughout the state.
2. Provisional licensed clinicians will be accepted for network inclusion if working for a Magellan contracted group** entity located in all Nebraska Counties with the exception of Douglas, Lancaster and Sarpy.
3. The group practice must consist of two or more members (this includes the provisional licensed clinician).
4. The Supervisor required by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health for weekly clinical guidance of the provisional licensed clinician works in the same group practice and is readily available to provide clinical consultation to the provisional licensed clinician in the event of an emergency.
5. The Supervisor required by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health for weekly clinical guidance of the provisional licensed clinician provides supervision for no more than 4 individuals.
6. Provisional licensed clinicians who are credentialed by Magellan to work in a group entity in designated counties will not be able to transfer their eligibility for network participation to a Group located in Douglas, Lancaster or Sarpy counties. However, provisional licensed clinicians who terminate their association with an approved group entity may continue network participation when employed by a contracted organization.
7. In order to continue network participation in a group entity, provisional licensed clinicians will be required to obtain full licensure within three years of being credentialed by Magellan. Failure to obtain full licensure within the three year timeframe will result in termination of the provisional licensed clinicians' contractual association with Magellan. Exceptions to extend the timeframe to obtain full licensure will be considered for extenuating

circumstances due to lengthy, documented illness, pregnancy, deployment or other instances in which the provisional licensed clinician will be required to take a leave of absence from their behavioral health practice.

8. Exceptions to allow provisional licensed clinicians to work in a private practice setting will be considered in circumstances where a fully licensed clinician is not available and the provisional clinician is the only Mental Health / Substance Abuse (MH/SA) provider located within 30 miles of a client needing services, and to assure that members have reasonable choice in a service rendering provider.
9. In an effort to meet network adequacy related to Cultural Competency or Language barriers for managed care members, Ad Hoc (Single Case Agreements) will be considered on a case-by-case basis for provisional licensed clinicians working in a group entity located in Douglas, Lancaster or Sarpy counties. Ad Hoc Agreements will be entered into in order to meet a language or cultural need specific to a member. The Ad Hoc agreement would end with discharge of the member's case.
10. Provisional licensed clinicians and their Supervisor required by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health must sign the Magellan Provisional Licensed Clinician Exception Attestation. If a change in Supervisors occurs, a new Attestation must be completed and be on file with Magellan.
11. Provisional licensed clinicians working in group practices located outside of Nebraska will not be accepted for network participation.

**For the purposes of these Guidelines, Magellan's contractual categories are defined as follows:

Organization – a contracted entity that holds national accreditation (Joint Commission, CARF, COA, AOA) or provides levels of care higher than, or in addition to, traditional outpatient therapy services. These entities include Community Mental Health Centers, inpatient hospitals, and residential treatment facilities.

Group – a contracted entity consisting of 2 or more individuals providing traditional outpatient therapy services who operate under one tax identification number. Group practices may also provide Community Treatment Aid or Intensive Outpatient Program services.

Individual – a solo individual operating under their own tax identification number in a private practice setting.