

SPECIAL eBULLETIN

FOR PROFESSIONAL PROVIDERS

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ATTN: PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

NOW AVAILABLE: CREDENTIALING FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

Highmark implemented credentialing of Physician Assistants (PAs) for Delaware (DE) networks on **July 7, 2021**. DE Physician Assistants requesting to be considered as a part of Highmark's participating practitioners are required to:

- Complete the Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) online credentialing application
- Be approved by Highmark through completion of the Highmark credentialing process
- Sign a contract with Highmark

Once credentialed, providers will be able to independently bill services that they provide and will no longer be required to enumerate.

IMPORTANT: DE PAs who choose not to be credentialed or do not meet the credentialing requirements must enumerate within Highmark systems and bill as a rendering provider for services they provide.

CREDENTIALING CRITERIA

A summary of Highmark's credentialing criteria is outlined in [Chapter 3, Unit 2](#) of the Highmark Provider Manual. General Highmark credentialing criteria includes, but is not limited to:

- Active state license in the practicing state
- Active Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) certificate
- Privileges at a network participating hospital
- Collaboration agreement with a credentialed physician in the same network(s)
- Acceptable five-year work history
- No Medicaid or Medicare sanctions
- Appropriate education and training

