

	POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
Policy #: HS 1.13	Lead Department: Health Services
Title: Physician Supervisor to Non-Physician Medical Practitioner Ratios	
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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the Physician Supervisor to Non-Physician Medical Practitioner ratios for Alliance network physicians meet regulatory requirements as described in Title 22 CCR Section 51241.

Policy:

Alliance will ensure that the Physician Supervisor to non-physician Medical Practitioner ratios meet the following criteria:

The full-time equivalent Physician Supervisor to non-physician Medical Practitioner ratios do not exceed the following:

- A. Nurse Practitioners 1:4
- B. Physician Assistants 1:4
- C. Four (4) non-physician Medical Practitioners in any combination that does not include more than three nurse midwives or two Physician assistants.

Procedures:

1. Alliance Provider Services ensures that all Alliance network Physicians sign a contract with the Alliance and agree to adhere to its requirements.
2. The Alliance Provider contract, Section 2.2 (e), addresses mid-level ratios as follows:

Non-Physician Medical Practitioner Limits. If Contractor provides Services through non-physician Medical Practitioners, the number of non-physician Medical Practitioners who may be supervised by a single Physician shall be limited to the FTE of one of the following: (i) Four (4) nurse practitioners; (ii) Three (3) nurse midwives; (iii) Two (2) physician assistants; or (iv) Four (4) of the above individuals in any combination which does not exceed the limit stated in either subsection (ii) or (iii).

3. All Alliance Primary Care Physicians undergo an initial facility site review when first contracting with the Alliance and follow-up site reviews every three years thereafter conducted an Alliance nurse Facility Site Reviewer. During a Facility Site Review, the PCP's office must, per the Facility Site Review tool, demonstrate that they adhere to the aforementioned Physician Supervisor to non-physician Medical Practitioner ratios.
4. As part of the Alliance's credentialing and recredentialing of Primary Care Physicians, PCPs must have had a passed a facility site review from the Alliance within the previous three years. As mentioned before



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References:

Regulatory: Title 22 CCR Section 51241

Contractual: Medi-Cal contract Exhibit A, Attachment 6, Section 3

Also see relevant section of Facility Site Review Tool

Revision History:

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