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MEMORANDUM

To: All Providers
From: Kathleen McCarthy, Provider Services Director
Date: 03/12/2014
Subject: Credentialing Requirements for Locum Tenens

The Central California Alliance for Health (the Alliance) reviews its policies and procedures annually to ensure continued compliance with regulatory and industry standards. Recently, the Alliance modified its credentialing policy to elaborate on the credentialing standards for locum tenens providers.

Locum tenens are providers who temporarily take the place of, or cover, for another provider. Effective March 1, 2014, the Alliance implemented a new requirement limiting the time a locum tenens provider may render services to Alliance members without being credentialed. Locum tenens who practice for a period of time exceeding 90 days must be credentialed by the Plan. Further, all locum tenens providers who render services to Alliance members must be disclosed to the Alliance's Provider Services staff before providing care to Alliance members.

For specific questions regarding the new locum tenens credentialing requirements, please contact Sitara Cavanagh, Credentialing Supervisor, at scavanagh@ccah-alliance.org or (831) 430-5752. You can download credentialing applications from the Alliance provider website: www.ccah-alliance.org/credentialing.html.