

**Practitioner Information Validation
(Credentialed Practitioners Types)**

Item	Description	Source	Frequency of Validation	Limitations
Practitioner Name		Credentialing application	At initial credentialing	
Gender		Credentialing application	Self-reported -not validated	Not all practitioners provide this information
Specialty	The specialty or sub-specialty area in which the practitioner provides care	Credentialing application, clinic change forms, training programs, specialty boards	At initial credentialing, recredentialing, or other times when a change in specialty is requested	
Hospital Affiliations	The hospital(s) where practitioner has admitting privileges	Credentialing application	Self-reported -not validated	When practitioners change sites, their hospital affiliations may not be updated
Medical Group Affiliations	The medical group(s) the practitioner is employed by or otherwise associated with.	Credentialing application, clinic change forms	At initial credentialing, recredentialing and at other times when we are notified a practitioner has changed medical group affiliations	We are not always notified when a practitioner changes medical group affiliations
Acceptance of New Patients	Indicates if the practitioner is accepting new patients in his/her practice	Clinic	Self-reported -not validated	We may not be notified when this changes
Languages Spoken by the Practitioner or Clinical Staff	The languages (besides English) the practitioner speaks with sufficient fluency to treat patients who speak only that language	Credentialing application	Self-reported -not validated	Not all practitioners provide this information
Office Locations	The location of all offices the practitioner works at	Credentialing application, clinic change forms	At initial credentialing, recredentialing and at other times when we are notified a practitioner has changed office affiliations	We may not be notified when a practitioner changes office locations

Hospital Information Validation

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Hospital Name	Marketing name of the hospital	Contract upon initial association with HealthPartners. Changes after initial contracting are submitted by the hospital via written notification.	At initial contracting and at other times when we are notified a hospital's name changes.	
Address	Street address of the hospital	Contract upon initial association with HealthPartners. Changes after initial contracting are submitted by the hospital via written notification.	At initial contracting and at other times when we are notified a hospital's address is changing.	
Accreditation	Accreditation is a voluntary process through which a hospital is able to measure the quality of its services against nationally recognized standards. The goal of accreditation is to ensure that a hospital meets standards that suggest they are delivering quality care. Numerous accrediting agencies exist in the healthcare sector. For hospitals, the Joint Commission of Healthcare Organizations (Joint Commission) is the most common agency.	Upon initial association with HealthPartners, Contracting staff requests information regarding the current status of the hospital's accreditation. A copy of the most recent accreditation survey is obtained from the Joint Commission web site. Quality Improvement staff at the health plan review the survey report and determine if additional follow-up is indicated.	Every three years, HealthPartners confirms the hospital continues to be in good standing with the accrediting body. If issues are identified that raise a significant concern regarding the hospital's ability to render quality health services to enrollees, the issues are reviewed by HealthPartners Quality Improvement staff and action is taken, as appropriate.	