

PROVISIONAL CREDENTIALING

If a completed credentialing application is received for a health care professional who satisfies all the conditions of Columns A, B, C below, and we have not approved or declined it within ninety (90) days, the health care professional will be deemed “provisionally credentialed.”¹

Column A	Column B	Column C
1. Is newly-licensed; or 2. Recently relocated to New York from another state and has not previously practiced in New York	Joined a group practice of health professionals each of whom participates as an in-network provider in the Affinity	His or her group practice has notified Affinity in writing that, if the application ultimately is denied, the health care professional or the group practice: a) will refund any payments made for services provided by the provisionally credentialed health care professional that exceed any out-of-network benefits payable; and b) shall not pursue reimbursement from the Member, except to collect the co-payment that otherwise would have been payable had the Member received services from an in-network provider

A provisionally credentialed health care professional may participate with Affinity as an in-network provider but may not serve as a Primary Care Provider (PCP) until such time as he or she is fully credentialed.²

Interest and penalties described in New York prompt pay law do not have to be paid on the denial of claims submitted by a health care professional during the period he or she was provisionally credentialed. Claims submitted by a provisionally credentialed health care professional will not be denied, after appeal, solely on the basis that the claim was not submitted timely.³

¹ NY Pub Health § 4406-d.1(b).

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