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|  | Policy Title:<br><b>Provider Nondiscrimination</b>  |   |
|   | Signature:<br><br>Signature on file   | Revised:                                      |
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### References

42 CFR 438.12

### Scope

SCRSN/PIHP and its contracted providers.

### Policy

SCRSN/PIHP provider selection shall be consistent with 438.12, and shall not discriminate against particular providers that serve high-risk populations or specialize in conditions that require costly treatment.

SCRSN/PIHP will not discriminate for the participation, reimbursement, or indemnification of any provider who is acting within the scope of his or her license or certification under applicable Washington State law, solely on the basis of that license or certification.

### Procedures/Mechanisms

If SCRSN/PIHP declines to include individual or groups of providers in its network, it must give the affected providers written notice of the reason for its decision.

SCRSN/PIHP will:

- not contract with providers beyond the number necessary to meet the needs of its enrollees;

- may use different reimbursement amounts for different specialties or for different practitioners in the same specialty;
- will establish measures that are designed to maintain quality of services and control costs and are consistent with its responsibilities to enrollees.