

Integrated Service Agreement

By means of this agreement the health center and participating medical specialist establish guidelines for referral arrangements. Our joint purpose is to assure access and high quality, cost effective care for all our patients. (See the attached list of medical staff members of the health center.)

Participating Specialist agrees to the following:

1. Provide the health centers with an updated copy of your CV, hospital credentialing letters and fee schedule.
2. Provide referred patients with timely, convenient appointments.
3. Provide referring PCP's with prompt reports of consultations and procedures.
4. Do not assume care of our patients beyond what is requested by the referring PCP.
5. Do not initiate referrals to other physicians except in care of emergency and then only with notification of referring PCP.
6. Order and perform only diagnostic and therapeutic procedures of proven benefit and with the minimum required frequency
7. Accept patients with Medicaid coverage and accept assignment for Medicare.
8. Maintain specialist provider contracts with managed care entities with whom we have contracts; and participate with us in flexible negotiation of specialty care fee schedules.
9. Apply a Sliding Fee Schedule to low income and uninsured patients to whom the health centers apply a Sliding Fee Schedule. (Sliding fee schedule attached.)

The Health Center agrees to the following:

1. To provide adequate clinical information on patients being referred;
2. To be available for consultation with the specialist when services or procedures, not originally requested, are considered advisable by the specialist.
3. To refer patients to specialist on a preferential, although not exclusive, basis.

This agreement may be terminated by either the participating health centers or the specialist with 30 days notice.

AGREED:

Specialist Physician or Group Representative

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Medical Director, Health Center