## Verifying a Provider's Credentials

Before our Credentialing Committee accepts a provider to include in our network, we conduct full credentialing and National Practitioner Database ("NPDB") checks. The NPDB is a federal information repository. The Credentialing Committee reviews our providers at least every three (3) years. This process helps to ensure the quality of our network.

You can usually obtain information about a doctor's training and experience from:

- The doctor's office;
- A local medical society (if the doctor is a member); or
- A local hospital (if the doctor is on staff).

A few state licensing boards issue information about disciplinary actions, but getting it may be cumbersome.

Several online organizations provide easy access to various amounts of information such as:

- Name, address, telephone numbers;
- Professional qualifications;
- Specialty;
- Medical school attended;
- Residency completion; and
- Board certification status.

The American Medical Association's ("AMA") Doctor Find offers limited information on the certification status of all medical physicians currently licensed in the United States. It does not list disciplinary actions. You can do searches only one state at a time. This service is free of charge. For more information, visit <u>www.ama-assn.org</u>. To search and review a doctor's information, visit <u>https://apps.amaassn.org/doctorfinder/home.jsp</u>.

## Check MDs:

The Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision ("OMB") provides access to a physician's license and disciplinary action. You may also view hospital privileges and languages spoken. This service is free of charge. For information, visit <u>www.okmedicalboard.org</u>.

## Check DOs:

The Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners provides access to a physician's license and disciplinary action. You may also view hospital privileges and languages spoken. This service is free of charge. For information, visit <u>www.ok.gov/osboe/</u>.

## Check Specialists:

You can use the American Board of Medical Specialties ("ABMS") Certified Doctor Verification Service to check whether a doctor is certified by one of the twenty-four (24) recognized specialty boards. The searches yield no other information.

You can search all states simultaneously. This site is useful for checking the certification status of a doctor whose location is unknown. Registration at the site is required, but this service is free of charge. For more information, visit <u>www.abms.org</u>.

You can also search the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery. The cost of service is free. Visit <u>https://www.abos.org/</u>

The Oklahoma Board of Dentistry provides access to a dentist's licensure and disciplinary action. The search is free. Visit <a href="https://www.ok.gov/dentistry/License">https://www.ok.gov/dentistry/License</a> Verification/index.html

Check Behavioral Health Specialists:

There are several websites to check certifications. You can search for psychiatrists at either for Medical Doctors (MD) at <u>https://apps.ama-assn.org/doctorfinder/home.jsp</u> or <u>www.ok.gov/osboe/</u> for Doctors of Osteopathy (DO). There is no cost for the search.

Specialty		Contact Information
•	Licensed Psychologists Psych Techs (testing only for techs)	https://www.ok.gov/psychology/Public/License_Verificatio n/index.html
•	Licensed Clinical Social Workers	https://pay.apps.ok.gov/medlic/social/licensee_search.php
•	Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists Licensed Professional Counselors Licensed Behavioral Practitioners	https://www.ok.gov/behavioralhealth/counselor/app/index .php
•	Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors	http://www.okdrugcounselors.org/members.php