

CATEGORY	CREDENTIALING STANDARD
E. Additional license and certification requirements	<p>The following practitioners are required to maintain the following licensure status or professional certification in addition to basic licensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavioral Analysts must be certified by the Behavioral Analyst Certification Board (BACB) with the designation of Board Certified Behavioral Analyst Doctorate (BCBA-D®) or Board Certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA®). • Board Certified Assistant Behavioral Analysts (BCaBA®) are not eligible for network participation. The services of a BCaBA®, when performed under the supervision of a BCBA-D® or BCBA®, will be eligible for consideration and payment if found to be a covered service but all such services of a BCaBA® must be billed by a network-participating BCBA-D® or BCBA®, and must identify the BCaBA® as the actual provider of services.
F. Board Certification (Applies to MD's and DO's)	<p>Recognized certifying Boards for MDs and DOs are the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA). Board Certification is preferred but not required. Physicians who have completed an ABMS or AOA approved residency/fellowship are not considered to have an issue which requires presentation to the Credentialing Committee. However, Practitioners who request a specialty and have not completed an ABMS or AOA approved residency/fellowship for that specialty are considered to have an issue and must be reviewed by the Credentialing Committee with details regarding their education, CME, work history and hospital privileges. The Credentialing Committee recommends approval or denial of credentials and, if approved, the specialty. Physicians who are determined by the Credentialing Committee not to meet standards for a requested specialty may be denied participation or restricted in participation.</p>
G. Felony Convictions	<p>Must have no felony convictions or guilty pleas. Two exceptions may be recognized, in the sole discretion of US Able Corporation, in the following circumstances:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Pardon: If the practitioner has been pardoned by the appropriate governmental executive and US Able Corporation concludes, based on available information, that the practitioner has been rehabilitated; or (b) Exemplary Conduct Over Time: If at least 10 years have elapsed since the felony conviction or guilty plea, during which the practitioner has demonstrated exemplary conduct with no additional infractions of the law, provided the practitioner furnishes references or other documentation satisfactory to US Able Corporation to establish that the practitioner has been fully rehabilitated. <p>The preceding notwithstanding, US Able Corporation reserves the right to refuse network participation to any practitioner with a felony conviction or guilty plea, regardless of any pardon, the passage of time, or any claim of rehabilitation, including but not limited to any case in which a felony conviction or guilty plea involves fraudulent submission of insurance or health plan claims, or egregious crimes causing serious physical or psychological injury to patients or other individuals.</p>
H. Use or Abuse of Drugs, Alcohol or other Substances	<p>Practitioners shall not use illegal drugs or substances, and shall not abuse alcohol or legal drugs. Practitioners whose use or abuse of any drug or substance, whether legal or illegal, interferes with or impairs their ability to practice medicine or deliver health care services in accordance with accepted standards of care, leads to a lapse in quality, competency or professionalism, or poses a risk to the health or safety of any patient or the public, may be excluded from network participation until such time as they can demonstrate adequate rehabilitation and assurance of appropriate conduct. At a minimum, any practitioner exhibiting substance abuse problems or impairment due to legal or illegal use of alcohol or drugs must establish that he or she has enrolled in a recognized, supervised treatment program approved by the Arkansas State Medical Board or the practitioner's equivalent licensing authority, and must show full compliance with the requirements of any such treatment program. The network-sponsoring organizations may require a minimum period of successful participation in</p>

CATEGORY	CREDENTIALING STANDARD
	a treatment program before an impaired practitioner is eligible for admission or reinstatement to network participation.
I. Practitioner Impairment	Must be physically and mentally capable to fully perform professional and medical staff duties required to provide medical services to members.
J. Professional Liability Claims History	All applicants must provide a history of professional liability claims, settlements and/or judgments including a complete description and response to inquiries by the Credentialing Committee or US Able Corporation.
K. Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions, Fraud, Insurance Program Restrictions or Irregularities	Must not be currently under sanction by Medicare/Medicaid or any other government agency nor be ineligible to participate in any government program for any reason. In addition, US Able Corporation reserves the right to review all participating practitioners at any time for suspected fraud or abusive claims practices. Participating practitioners must fully cooperate with US Able Corporation in any review of suspected fraudulent or abusive claims activity by responding promptly to information requests, and by making appropriate staff available to address questions or provide data. If fraud or abuse is detected, US Able Corporation may terminate network participation, report the fraudulent or abusive activity to state or federal agencies, and pursue other appropriate legal recourse.
L. Applications, Release and Attestation	All practitioners must complete a standard application and sign and date a release and attestation on forms as required by US Able Corporation.
M. Initial Credentialing Decisions	Practitioners who do not meet minimum credentialing criteria as stated above will be excluded from the True Blue PPO network. Those determined to have issues regarding qualification or compliance with established standards will be reviewed and approved or denied by the Credentialing Committee, subject only to appeal rights and US Able Corporation's right to amend or apply these Standards. US Able Corporation reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to decline to present any Applicant to the Credentialing Committee for review.
N. Recredentialing Decisions	Recredentialing of practitioners will normally occur every 36 months. This cycle could vary in individual cases to allow compliance with regulatory requirements or should US Able Corporation decide re-credentialing at an earlier date is necessary. Practitioners who do not meet minimum credentialing standards as stated above will be excluded from the True Blue PPO network. Those determined to have issues regarding qualification or compliance with established standards will be reviewed and approved or denied by the Credentialing Committee, subject only to appeal rights and US Able Corporation's right to amend or apply these Standards. US Able Corporation reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to decline to present any Applicant to the Credentialing Committee for review.