

## Physician Assistants and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

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### Disclaimer

Highmark Health Options medical policy is intended to serve only as a general reference resource regarding coverage for the services described. This policy does not constitute medical advice and is not intended to govern or otherwise influence medical decisions. This policy does not apply to Federally Qualified Health Centers or School-Based Wellness Centers.

### POLICY POSITION

HHO will allow participating PA(s) and APRN(s) who are billing as full practice authority in the professional setting to be paid in alignment with the applicable fee schedule. PA(s) and APRN(s) and their employers may continue to rely on other billing options such as split/shared billing in a facility and billing under the "incident-to" rule in an outpatient setting.

### DEFINITIONS

**Highmark Health Options (HHO)** – Managed care organization serving vulnerable populations that have complex needs and qualify for Medicaid. Highmark Health Options members include individuals and families with low income, expecting mothers, children, and people with disabilities. Members pay nothing to very little for their health coverage. Highmark Health Options currently services Delaware Medicaid: Delaware Healthy Children Program (DHCP) and Diamond State Health Plan Plus LTSS (DSHP Plus LTSS) members.

**Participating Provider** – Any provider, group of providers, or entity that is employed by or has signed a provider participation agreement with the Contractor or Subcontractor, is credentialed by Highmark Health Options, and receives Medicaid funding directly or indirectly to order, refer, or provide Health Care Services.

**Non-Participating Provider** – Any provider, group of providers, or entity that accepts Medicaid but does not agree to take assignment in all cases. They do not have a contract and are not credentialed with Highmark Health Options.

**Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN)<sup>1</sup>** – They are defined as the following:

- Certified Nurse Practitioner (CNP)
- Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)
- Certified Nurse-Midwife (CNM)

- Psychiatric-Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist (PMHCNS-BC)
- Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC)
- Psychiatric-Mental Health Advanced Practice Nurse (PMH-APRN)

## Reference

1. NCSBN. (n.d.). *APRNs in the U.S. NCSBN.Org.* <https://www.ncsbn.org/aprn.htm>