



**AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION**

**Naturopathic Physician**

Department of Vermont Health Access  
Primary Care Case Management Program (*Primary Care Plus*)  
312 Hurricane Lane, Ste 201  
Williston, Vermont 05495

Complete this form and return to:

HP Enterprise Services  
Provider Relations  
PO Box 888  
Williston, VT 05495

Thank you for your interest in DVHA’s Primary Care Case Management Program serving Vermonters throughout the State.

PRACTICE INFORMATION (*Name of group practicing with if applicable*)

Name of Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax ID/SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ Practice Medicaid ID #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(*Whichever is used to file with the IRS*)

Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Provider Number: \_\_\_\_\_

List the person in your practice who should be contacted by our office regarding DVHA PCCM members:

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ After Hours Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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For the purposes of this agreement, a PCP (Primary Care Provider) refers to a licensed provider eligible to serve as a PCP who has signed an agreement to participate in the program.

A. The following specifies the responsibilities of the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA).

1. In addition to service fees, DVHA will pay a case management fee to each PCP of \$5.00 per month for each PCCM beneficiary enrolled with that PCP on the first day of the month.
2. DVHA, through its fiscal intermediary HP Enterprise Services, will distribute a monthly roster of beneficiaries enrolled with each PCP.

3. DVHA will provide education and member services functions for beneficiaries enrolled in the PCCM program.
4. DVHA will maintain a provider relation function for participating providers.
5. DVHA will incorporate its Drug Utilization Review (DUR) functions into the program.
6. DVHA will perform Prior Authorization and Utilization Review functions for specific services and items.
7. DVHA will administer the PCCM program's enrollment functions.

B. The following specifies the responsibilities of each provider who serves as a PCP.

1. Each PCP will remain an active Medicaid provider while serving in the PCCM program. Each PCP will return the Medicaid recertification form within the time allotted. Failure to do so may result in the forfeit of the PMPM payment until the enrollment is updated.
2. For referrals, the PCP will use Medicaid participating providers, or providers enrolled to serve beneficiaries enrolled in the PCCM program, unless the required service is not otherwise available from a currently enrolled Medicaid provider. If the PCP wants to use a provider that is not enrolled, HP Provider Services should be notified to solicit the enrollment of the provider.
3. The PCP or PCP's practice will maintain office visiting hours at least four days per week for at least twenty-five hours per week for enrollee appointments, unless this provision is waived by DVHA if necessary to assure access to services and providers. Participating PCPs who work in a practice on a part-time basis will inform DVHA of the times they are available to see patients.
4. The PCP will assure that all enrollees have a current medical history and record, and will maintain medical records for each enrollee.
5. If released by the Medicaid enrollee, the PCP will secure the enrollee's medical record from the previous PCP, and other providers necessary to ensure that the PCP has a comprehensive understanding of the enrollee's needs and that the enrollee receives all medically necessary care.
6. The PCP will make best efforts to offer to examine each new enrollee to the PCP's practice within three months. Scheduling this examination will be subject to the agreement of the enrollee, and at a mutually available time for the enrollee and PCP.
7. The PCP agrees to the appointment waiting times standards set out in Rule 10, promulgated by the Department of Banking, Insurance, Securities, and Health Care Administration (BISHCA). These appointment standards are that generally an enrollee should be seen within: 24 hours for urgent care, two weeks for non-urgent care, and 90 days for preventive and routine physical examinations.

- 8. The PCP will provide all covered primary services consistent with the PCP’s qualifications and will make appropriate referrals to specialist as necessary.
- 9. The PCP will have provisions for access to a 24-hour on-call group that will assure practitioner availability in person or by phone.
- 10. The PCP will assure that any children or adolescents enrolled with the PCP are screened according to the requirements of the Vermont Department of Health’s EPSDT periodicity schedule.
- 11. The PCP will follow the provisions of the Generic Drug Act where it permits substitution, and will prescribe the lowest cost equivalent available.
- 12. The PCP will maintain hospital-admitting privileges or secure a waiver from DVHA of this requirement.
- 13. The PCP will participate in quality improvement projects agreed to by the participants in the PCCM network and DVHA.
- 14. The PCP agrees to provide 90 days written notice before terminating this agreement.
- 15. The PCP will provide at least 60 days written notice prior to lowering the maximum number of enrollees that may be assigned to the PCP.
- 16. The PCP agrees to accept at least 20 PCCM enrollees and not more than 1,500 enrollees. The PCP may have fewer than 20 enrollees, if fewer beneficiaries have either selected the PCP or fewer have been assigned by DVHA.
- 17. The PCP agrees to notify DVHA of any change in their office physical plant that might change physical accessibility, or when there is a change in or addition to the location of the PCP’s office.
- 18. The PCP will cooperate with DVHA’s accessibility surveyors. DVHA will provide each PCP practice site with the results of any accessibility survey conducted.
- 19. If there is any change in the composition of individual providers in a group that originally agreed to participate in the Primary Care Plus Plan, the moving PCP is required to complete a new Agreement for Participation prior to the effective date of change.

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**For Admitting Physician:**

I/we agree to be responsible for inpatient hospital admissions for the patients who may be enrolled in the PC Plus program with \_\_\_\_\_

(name of Naturopathic Physician) who is enrolled as a primary care provider.

\_\_\_\_\_ Name/Group \_\_\_\_\_ NPI

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

**We the undersigned agree to the requirements set out in this agreement.**

**Please make payment to: \_\_\_ the PCP, \_\_\_ the Practice**

**Signature Section:**

Provider Signature:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ +

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DVHA Signature:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ +

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please complete the below section and provide all information specific to the provider requesting to participate in Vermont's Primary Care Plus Program\*. DVHA currently allows physicians and nurse practitioners to be chosen as a Primary Care Provider.

Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ or Nurse Practitioner: \_\_\_\_\_

Medicaid Provider #: \_\_\_\_\_ State License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Specialty: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Office Hours: Sun \_\_\_\_\_ Mon \_\_\_\_\_ Tue \_\_\_\_\_ Wed \_\_\_\_\_ Thu \_\_\_\_\_ Fri \_\_\_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_\_\_

Total Hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Accepting New Patients: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

\_\_\_\_\_ Accept children (0-12) \_\_\_\_\_ Accept Adolescents (ages 13-20) \_\_\_\_\_ Accept Adults (ages 21+)

Practice Site Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

An Individual not currently enrolled as a Vermont Medicaid provider wishing to participate in Vermont's Primary Care Plus program, must also complete the Provider Enrollment Agreement and receive a Medicaid provider number before the PCP agreement can go into effect. The Vermont Medicaid Provider Enrollment Agreement can be downloaded from the Vermont Medicaid website at [vtmedicaid.com/Downloads/forms.html](http://vtmedicaid.com/Downloads/forms.html), for questions please call HP Enterprise Services Provider Relations at (802) 878-7871.