

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont
Primary Source Verification by Facility Type
Exhibit A

Facility Type: ALL				
Credentialing Requirement	Governing Entities	Acceptable sources for verification	BCBSVT requirements	Comments and Exception Criteria
Facility Credentialing Application	<u>BCBSVT</u>	N/A	BCBSVT facility credentialing application	
License to practice	<u>Rule H-2009-03</u> • 5.2E6 <u>Current year NCQA HP Standards and Guidelines</u>	State's department of health and human services	Verification of licensure within each state the facility holds a license. Each licensing state must be queried. • Exception: Ambulatory Surgical Centers & Designated Agency (not licensed by State of Vermont)	
License sanctions	<u>Rule H-2009-03</u> • 5.2E6 <u>Current year NCQA HP Standards and Guidelines</u>	https://iqrs.npdb.hrsa.gov/	Verification of license sanctions within each state the facility holds a license.	
Liability coverage	<u>VT Rule H-2009-03</u> • 5.2E4 <u>Current year NCQA HP Standards and Guidelines</u>	Copy of professional liability insurance coverage current at the time of committee decision.	Minimum of \$1 million per occurrence and \$3 million in the aggregate, or, evidence of federal or state tort immunity	
Accreditation	<u>Rule H-2009-03</u> • 5.2E6 <u>Current year NCQA HP Standards and Guidelines</u>	See individual facility types	If the facility does not hold required accreditation, they may apply under the Report of Good Standing criteria below.	
Report of Good Standing	<u>Rule H-2009-03</u> • 5.2E6 <u>Current year NCQA HP Standards and Guidelines</u>	• https://iqrs.npdb.hrsa.gov/	A CMS or state review less than three years old at the time of application. The report from the institution must show evidence of substantial compliance or an acceptable corrective action plan with current state regulatory requirements. This criteria is not required if the facility holds a required accreditation noted above.	
Medicare and Medicaid Sanctions	<u>Rule H-2009-03</u> • 5.2E6 <u>Current year NCQA HP Standards and Guidelines</u>	• https://iqrs.npdb.hrsa.gov/ • https://oig.hhs.gov/	Verification of sanctions or exclusions from Medicare/Medicaid, or other Federal Healthcare Programs via query of the Office of Inspector General (OIG).	
Attestation and Release of Information	<u>Rule H-2009-03</u> • 5.2E6 <u>Current year NCQA HP Standards and Guidelines</u>	• Application • Signed attestation	Attestation/release for BCBSVT to obtain primary source verification.	

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Facility Type: Hospital				
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Accreditation	<u>Rule H-2009-03</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.2E6 <u>Current year NCQA HP Standards and Guidelines</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Joint Commission - https://www.jointcommission.org/ Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program https://www.hfap.org/ DNV-GL https://dnvglhealthcare.com/ CMS Critical Access Designation https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/CertificationandCompliance/CAHs 	If the facility does not hold required accreditation, they may apply under the Report of Good Standing criteria.	

Facility Type: Home Health Agency				
Credentialing Requirement	Governing Entities	Acceptable sources for verification	BCBSVT requirements	Comments and Exception Criteria
Accreditation	<u>Rule H-2009-03</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.2E6 <u>Current year NCQA HP Standards and Guidelines</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Joint Commission - https://www.jointcommission.org/ Community Health Accreditation Program - https://chapinc.org/ 	If the facility does not hold required accreditation, they may apply under the Report of Good Standing criteria.	

Facility Type: Skilled Nursing Facility				
Credentialing Requirement	Governing Entities	Acceptable sources for verification	BCBSVT requirements	Comments and Exception Criteria
Accreditation	<u>Rule H-2009-03</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.2E6 <u>Current year NCQA HP Standards and Guidelines</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Health Accreditation Program - https://chapinc.org/ 	If the facility does not hold required accreditation, they may apply under the Report of Good Standing criteria.	

Facility Type: Ambulatory Surgical Center				
Credentialing Requirement	Governing Entities	Acceptable sources for verification	BCBSVT requirements	Comments and Exception Criteria
Accreditation	<u>Rule H-2009-03</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.2E6 <u>Current year NCQA HP Standards and Guidelines</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Joint Commission - https://www.jointcommission.org/ Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. - https://www.aaahc.org/ 	If the facility does not hold required accreditation, they may apply under the Report of Good Standing criteria.	

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Facility Type: Behavioral Health Care Facility				
Credentialing Requirement	Governing Entities	Acceptable sources for verification	BCBSVT requirements	Comments and Exception Criteria
Accreditation	<u>Rule H-2009-03</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.2E6 <u>Current year NCQA HP Standards and Guidelines</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Joint Commission - https://www.jointcommission.org/ Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. https://www.aaahc.org/ Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program - https://www.hfap.org/ CARF International - http://www.carf.org/home/ Council on Accreditation - http://coanet.org/ 	If the facility does not hold required accreditation, they may apply under the Report of Good Standing criteria.	

Facility Type: Renal Dialysis Center				
Credentialing Requirement	Governing Entities	Acceptable sources for verification	BCBSVT requirements	Comments and Exception Criteria
Accreditation	<u>Rule H-2009-03</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.2E6 <u>Current year NCQA HP Standards and Guidelines</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CMS Critical Access Designation https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/CertificationandCompliance/CAHs The Joint Commission https://www.jointcommission.org/ Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. https://www.aaahc.org/ 	If the facility does not hold required accreditation, they may apply under the Report of Good Standing criteria.	

Facility Type: Designated Agencies				
Credentialing Requirement	Governing Entities	Acceptable sources for verification	BCBSVT requirements	Comments and Exception Criteria
Accreditation	<u>Rule H-2009-03</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.2E6 <u>Current year NCQA HP Standards and Guidelines</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/individuals-and-families/designated-and-specialized-service-agencies 	The Plan will credential designated agencies that are in good standing with the state as demonstrated by meeting the Agency Designation requirements set forth by the Department of Developmental and Mental Health Services.	

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Facility Type: Free Standing Birthing Center				
Credentialing Requirement	Governing Entities	Acceptable sources for verification	BCBSVT requirements	Comments and Exception Criteria
Accreditation	<u>Rule H-2009-03</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.2E6 <u>Current year NCQA HP Standards and Guidelines</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Joint Commission - https://www.jointcommission.org/ Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. https://www.aaahc.org/ CMS Critical Access Designation https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/CertificationandCompliance/CAHs Commission for the Accreditation of Birthing Centers - https://www.birthcenteraccreditation.org/find-accredited-birth-centers/ 	If the facility does not hold required accreditation, they may apply under the Report of Good Standing criteria.	
Hospital Privileges	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application Signed attestation 	A copy of the policy and procedure for coverage arrangements with a participating practitioner and hospital, in the event of an emergency.	

Facility Type: Portable X-Ray				
Credentialing Requirement	Governing Entities	Acceptable sources for verification	BCBSVT requirements	Comments and Exception Criteria
Report of Good Standing criteria with State in which they reside	<u>Rule H-2009-03</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.2E6 <u>Current year NCQA HP Standards and Guidelines</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://dail.vermont.gov/ 	A CMS or state review less than three years old at the time of application. The report from the institution must show evidence of substantial compliance or an acceptable corrective action plan with current state regulatory requirements.	
Licensure	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.cms.gov/ 	A copy of CMS Medicare Approval form	