

The University of Utah Health Plans (UUHP) contracts with physicians and other health care professionals and facilities to offer provider networks essential to the delivery of health care and services to our members. UUHP is committed to the “triple aim” of improving experience and quality of care, improving the health of populations, and reducing the per capita cost of care.

We recognize the importance of population health and payment reform and have developed extensive care management and value-based payment programs that improve health and align provider reimbursement with value and positive outcomes.

Provider applications to participate in any UUHP network are considered based on the following:

- UUHP business needs
- The credentialing process

All providers must be approved through our credentialing process before they may participate in any network.

Business needs may include and are not limited to:

- Network adequacy requirements based on state and/or federal guidelines
- Network adequacy requirements based on the current or expected population of a given geographic area (usually defined by county or zip code)
- Network adequacy requirements based on provider type and/or specialty
- Network composition based on scope of services required by payer such as employer, health plan, union/trust, government entity, etc.
- Network performance requirements in terms of cost/utilization, quality measures, outcomes, access, and/or patient or physician satisfaction.
- Demographic needs including but not limited to languages spoken
- Existing, non-compensated, referral patterns with current network providers and/or UUHP members

UUHP plans are designed based on specific criteria that we apply to select participating primary care physicians and specialists which include:

- Cardiology
- General Surgery
- Neurology
- Urology
- Orthopedics
- Obstetrics and gynecology

Additional specialists are included if they meet our credentialing requirements to ensure members have access within a reasonable distance to the number and types of providers needed.