

## **Procedure 1234- Providers Treating Self and Family Members**

### **Lines of Business: All**

**Purpose:** To inform the Provider community that Network Health does not provide reimbursement for self-treatment or for providing treatment to family members.

**Procedure:** The physician-patient relationship is the foundation of the practice of medicine. The quality of this relationship can be compromised when there is a personal/emotional relationship beyond that of the doctor-patient relationship.

Network Health believes the practice of providing self-treatment and/or providing treatment to family members does not fall within our standards of profession. Any claims received for the provider or on behalf of the provider's family members listing the provider as the rendering and/or ordering provider will be denied. This includes prescriptions, services, or supplies. Family members include lawful spouse or partner, parents, children, grandparents, brothers, sisters, and grandchildren.

For extenuating circumstances you should contact the Network Health Customer Service Department.

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**This policy is not a guarantee of coverage or payment. The claim(s) will be denied if it does not meet with all the terms and provisions of the members Certificate of Coverage. Actual benefits will be determined when the claim(s) or bill(s) are submitted to NHP/NHIC/NHAS. NHP/NHIC /NHAS reserves the right to periodically review and update all claim guidelines.**

HMO plans underwritten by Network Health Plan. POS Plans underwritten by Network Health Insurance Corporation, or Network Health Insurance Corporation and Network Health Plan. Self-funded HMO and POS plans administered by Network Health Plan.

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