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# Medicare Opt Out Policy

## *Values*

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## Abstract Purpose:

Network Health Plan/Network Health Insurance Corporation (NHP/NHIC) does not contract with providers for any Medicare lines of business if they have opted out of participation in the Medicare program.


## Policy Detail:

To ensure that NHP/NHIC only contracts with providers who are approved for participation in the Medicare program and who have not opted out of it, NHP/NHIC operates it's Medicare Opt-Out Process.

I. Key elements of this process include:

- Monthly queries by the Credentialing Coordinator/ Manager of Provider Integration of the Medicare Out Report
- Forwarding/review/action of this report by Managed Care Contracting, Provider Relations, Provider Informatics, and Credentialing Departments to ensure that the Medicare provider network does not include providers who have opted out of the Medicare program.

II. Enforcement of this policy occurs through periodic audits of the Network Development Medicare Opt-Out Process.

## Definitions:

None

## Regulatory Citations:

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## Related Policies:

None

## Related Documents:

None

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