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## Providers Treating Self and Family Members

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### *Values*

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#### **Abstract Purpose:**

This reimbursement policy outlines Network Health's process, for all lines of business, regarding Provider reimbursement for self-treatment, or treatment for family members.

#### **Policy Detail:**

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.

- I. Network Health believes the practice of providing self-treatment and/or providing treatment to family members does not fall within our standards of profession.
- II. Any claims received for the provider or on behalf of the provider's family members listing the provider as the rendering or ordering provider will be denied.
- III. This includes, but is not limited to, prescriptions, services, and supplies.
- IV. Family members include lawful spouse or partner, parents, children, brother(s), sister(s), grandparent(s), and grandchildren.

For extenuating circumstances, you may contact our Member Experience Department.

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