
Credentialing Reminder for Nurse Practitioners in Behavioral Health

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Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island (Neighborhood) would like to remind providers of credentialing requirements for nurse practitioners (NPs) applying to provide behavioral health (BH) services. Neighborhood's credentialing department has recently seen credentialing applications denied because the NP did not hold the appropriate license for behavioral health. To avoid delays or denials, please review the requirements below.

Nurse Practitioner Credentialing for Behavioral Health

- NPs must hold a Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) license to be credentialed for BH services.
- NPs credentialed under other focus areas must also be licensed as a PMHNP to provide BH services.
- This requirement applies only to BH services. NPs credentialed under other specialties may continue to provide medical services within their scope of practice.

Credentialing Process Reminder

- Credentialing may take up to 45 days once all required information is received.
- Applications submitted without the required license will be denied.

Neighborhood appreciates your continued commitment to providing quality care to our members.

Note: This notice was sent via email on September 29, 2025 to all behavioral health providers registered for Neighborhood's News and Updates. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please [click here](#) to sign up