



**Binder:** Provider HMO Policy & Procedure Manual  
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**POLICY**

A Specialist who provides primary care services may be designated as a Primary Care Physician (PCP) once certain conditions are met.

**PURPOSE**

To define the parameters by which Specialists may provide primary care services.

**PROCEDURE**

1. A specialist may be designated as a PCP if that specialist:
  - A. Requests dual designation status from the Credentialing Committee;
  - B. Verifies in writing that at least 50 percent of the specialist's practice is primary care; and
  - C. Provides primary care services according to the primary care standards set by OSF HealthPlans.
2. Physician will be subject to the same practice profiling with other PCPs who do not have Specialty practices.
3. Self-referrals may be subject to approval/review by the Medical Director.