

PRACTITIONER CREDENTIALING APPLICATION

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- [] Complete, sign, date and return Application.
- [] Complete, sign, date and return W-9 Form(s).
- [] Read, sign, date and return Companion Benefit Alternatives, Inc. (CBA) Professional Agreement (including Hold Harmless Agreement).
- [] Attach copy of state license.
- [] Attach copy of DEA license (if applicable).
- [] Attach copy of Board certification (if applicable).
- [] Attach copy of Protocol (Nurse practitioners).
- [] Attach proof of current malpractice coverage.*

*Coverage limits vary: MD = JUA/PCF or \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000
All others = \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000

Our health plan partners have discontinued the use of paper remittances for all business lines. This includes paper remittance advices and paper checks. All payments and remittance advices will only be provided electronically. If your group or practice is not currently a Palmetto Paperless Provider, be sure to complete both the Terms and Conditions for Electronic Payment and the Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization Form and return them with your application.

Please make sure you enclose all information and allow at least 30 days for processing before you call to check on the status of your application. We cannot process applications until we receive all information. Retain a copy of all application materials for your records.

RETURN APPLICATION TO:

Companion Benefit Alternatives, Inc.
ATTN: Provider Network Coordinator
PO Box 100185
Columbia, SC 29202
Fax Number: (803) 714-6456

A. Personal Profile

Full Name: _____		License: <input type="checkbox"/> MD/DO <input type="checkbox"/> Psychologist <input type="checkbox"/> APRN <input type="checkbox"/> LPC <input type="checkbox"/> LMFT <input type="checkbox"/> LISW-CP <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Date of Birth: _____	SSN: _____	Individual NPI: _____
Ethnicity : (optional) <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Asian <input type="checkbox"/> White, non-Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female

B. Office Information

1. Primary Office Address	2. Additional Office Address <i>(Please attach another page if you have additional locations.)</i>
Group/Practice Name: _____	Group/Practice Name: _____
*TIN: _____ TIN Type: <input type="checkbox"/> SSN <input type="checkbox"/> EIN	*TIN: _____ TIN Type: <input type="checkbox"/> SSN <input type="checkbox"/> EIN
Group NPI: _____	Group NPI: _____
Physical Address: _____	Physical Address: _____
Mailing Address: _____	Mailing Address: _____
Billing/Remit Address: _____	Billing/Remit Address: _____
Billing Office Phone: _____	Billing Office Phone: _____
E-mail Address: _____	E-mail Address: _____
URL: _____	URL: _____
Appointment Phone: _____	Appointment Phone: _____
Fax: _____	Fax: _____
Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____	Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____
Emergency Phone: _____	Emergency Phone: _____
County: _____	County: _____
Make Checks Payable to: _____	Make Checks Payable to: _____
Do you currently practice with any other group or agency? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Will the affiliation(s) with this group or agency remain active? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

*Complete a separate W9 form for each TIN.

Five-Year Work History: (You cannot use curriculum vitae or résumé in lieu of completing this section.)

	Name of Previous/Current Employer(s) <i>(List most current first)</i>	Date of Employment (MM/DD/YY-MM/DD/YY)
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

Please provide an explanation for any gaps in employment:

C. Office Profile

1. Practice Type (check only one):
 Solo Practice - Name back-up clinician(s):
 a. _____ CBA network Yes No
 b. _____ CBA network Yes No
 c. _____ CBA network Yes No
 Group Practice
 Other: _____
2. Practitioner Status: Full-Time Part-Time
Office Hours: Monday _____ a.m. to _____ p.m.
 Tuesday _____ a.m. to _____ p.m.
 Wednesday _____ a.m. to _____ p.m.
 Thursday _____ a.m. to _____ p.m.
 Friday _____ a.m. to _____ p.m.
 Other _____
3. Please list any language(s) other than English you speak:

4. Please list any language(s) other than English clinical or office staff speaks: _____
5. Do you know sign language? Yes No TDD Phone#: _____
6. Are you accepting Medicaid patients? Yes No
7. Methods to provide emergency coverage 24/7:
a. Regular business hours (check all that apply): Office Staff Answering Service
 Cellular phone number is available to patients.
 Pager number is available to patients.
 Voice-mail which provides a pager or cell phone number during the recorded message.

b. After-hours (check all that apply): Office Staff Answering Service
 Cellular phone number is available to patients.
 Pager number is available to patients.
 Voice-mail which provides a pager or cell phone number during the recorded message.
8. Is your office accessible by the physically challenged? Yes No
If no, what plan(s) have you made to relocate activities to a maximally accessible location? Please check one of the following:
 Another office in my group is accessible and I will use this.
 Another location in my building is accessible and I will use this.
 I will use an office at another location. Describe: _____

New Patient Accessibility

9. Are you currently accepting new patients? Yes No
10. Are you occasionally available to see new patients the same day as the referrals? Yes No
11. Are you able to schedule an initial appointment within 10 working days of a call? Yes No
If not, what is the average waiting time for initial appointments?
 11-20 Working Days 21-30 Working Days More than 30 Working Days

Access Standard for Current Patients

12. For non life-threatening situations that require face-to-face re-evaluation within six hours (i.e., patient displaying a significant change in behavior resulting in the patient being unable to perform many day-to-day duties involving work, school, caring for family or taking care of basic needs such as hygiene) (check all that apply):

- Telephone
- Face-to-Face
- Back-Up Licensed Clinician

13. For urgent situations that require face-to-face re-evaluation within 48 hours (i.e., patient displaying a significant change in behavior resulting in the patient being unable to perform some day-to-day duties involving work, school, caring for family or taking care of basic needs such as hygiene) (check all that apply):

- Telephone
- Face-to-Face
- Back-Up Licensed Clinician

14. For routine office visits (i.e., medication refill or supportive therapy), how soon can you see a current patient?

- Within 10 Working Days (two weeks)
- Other (please specify): _____

D. Clinical Profile – MDs/DOs Only
This Section is for Physicians Only

1. Federal DEA #: _____ State equivalent (where applicable): _____

2. Board Certified? Yes No Board Eligible? Yes No

Please list all Board Certifications and Specialty Certifications:

Area of Certification: _____

Date of Certification: _____

Date of Re-certification: _____

Area of Certification: _____

Date of Certification: _____

Date of Re-certification: _____

Area of Certification: _____

Date of Certification: _____

Date of Re-certification: _____

PLEASE NOTE:

MDs must be Board Certified or within 3 years of residency and Board Eligible to be considered for our panel.

3. List the hospitals at which you have privileges.

Primary Privileges:	Other Privileges:	Other Privileges:
Address:	Address:	Address:
Phone:	Phone:	Phone:

4. Are your hospital privileges active and in good standing? Yes No

5. If you do not have active admitting privileges, please verify how you handle acute care.

E. Professional References

All Practitioners Please Complete this Section

Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
Phone:	Phone:
Web Address:	Web Address:

F. License/Insurance Profile

1. Please indicate your licensure information below.

Primary Licensure <small>[select PRIMARY code]</small>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatrist <input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Child and Adolescent <input type="checkbox"/> Geriatric <input type="checkbox"/> Psychologist <input type="checkbox"/> Social Worker <input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatric Nurse Specialist <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage and Family Counselor <input type="checkbox"/> Professional/Mental Health Counselor <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Counselor <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Nurse Specialist (ANCC Certification) <input type="checkbox"/> Nurse Practitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	SC License # _____ Issue Date: _____ Exp. Date: _____ NOTE: Please attach copies of state license. Also attach copies of board certification and DEA licensure as applicable. Please list any additional licensure information:

2. Are you eligible to receive third-party reimbursement? Yes No

3. Please attach a copy of your most recent malpractice insurance. Required malpractice history information includes the name(s) and address(es) of all malpractice companies with whom you or your employer contracted for coverage.

Carrier Name/Address	Policy Number	Effective Date	Expiration Date	Amount of Coverage

G. Practitioner Areas of Expertise

1. Please indicate your top ten areas of expertise. We will list these specialties with your name in our practitioner directory.

[]	ABU	Abuse, Assault and Trauma (PTSD)
[]	AP	Anxiety and Panic Disorders
[]	ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD/ADHD)
[]	ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD/PPD/Asperger's)
[]	BPD	Bipolar Disorders/Manic Depressive Illness
[]	CD	Chemical Dependency/Chemical Dependency Assessment
[]	CHR	Christian Counseling
[]	DEP	Depression
[]	EAT	Eating Disorders
[]	ECT	Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT)
[]	FAM	Family Therapy
[]	GLB	Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Issues
[]	GRP	Group Therapy
[]	MED	Medication Management
[]	NEU	Neuropsychological Testing
[]	OCD	Obsessive Compulsive Disorders
[]	PM	Pain Management
[]	PER	Personality Disorders
[]	PP	Postpartum Issues
[]	PN	Prenatal Issues
[]	TST	Psychological Testing
[]	SCH	Schizophrenic Disorders
[]	ADP	Adoption
[]	BAR	Bariatric Assessment
[]	BEH	Behavior Modification
[]	BSF	Brief Solution Focused
[]	GAM	Compulsive Gambling
[]	DIV	Divorce/Blended Family Issues
[]	ETH	Cultural/Ethnic Issues
[]	DBT	Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT)
[]	ELI	End of Life Issues
[]	HIV	HIV/AIDS Related Issues
[]	INF	Infertility
[]	MEN	Men's Issues
[]	SEX	Sexual Disorders
[]	WOM	Women's Issues
[]	ABA	Behavioral Therapy for autism disorders
[]	TRN	Transgender Issues
[]	GER	Geriatrics
[]	CBT	Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)

2. Please list specialized training or experience in any of the above areas or any additional professional certifications (Do not use abbreviations).

3. Please check the age group(s) to which you provide services:

- Child (0-12 years) Adult (18-65)
 Adolescent (13-17 years) Geriatric (65+)

H. Educational Profile

All Practitioners Please Complete

Undergraduate School: _____	Month/Year of Graduation: _____
Street Address: _____	Major _____ Degree _____
City: _____	State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Graduate School: _____	Month/Year of Graduation: _____
Street Address: _____	Major _____ Degree _____
City: _____	State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Medical School: _____	Month/Year of Graduation: _____
Street Address: _____	Specialty _____
City: _____	State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Internship: _____	Month/Year of Completion: _____
Street Address: _____	Specialty _____
City: _____	State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Residency: _____	Month/Year of Completion: _____
Street Address: _____	Specialty _____
City: _____	State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Fellowship: _____	Month/Year of Completion: _____
Street Address: _____	Specialty _____
City: _____	State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

I. Attestation

If you answer yes to any of the following questions, please attach a written detailed explanation and any relevant documentation.

1. Do you have any pending misdemeanor or felony charges? Yes No
2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No
3. Has your license to practice in any jurisdiction ever been voluntarily or involuntarily denied, restricted, suspended, challenged, revoked, conditioned or otherwise limited? Yes No
4. In the past five years and up to and including the present, have you had any ongoing physical or mental impairment or condition that would make you unable, with or without reasonable accommodation, to perform the essential functions of a practitioner in your area of practice, or unable to perform those essential functions without a direct threat to the health and safety of others? Yes No
5. Considering the essential functions of a practitioner in your area of practice, in the past five years and up to and including the present, have you suffered from any communicable health condition that could pose a significant health and safety risk to your patients? Yes No
6. Have you ever been publicly reprimanded or disciplined by a professional licensing agency or board or are you aware of any pending investigations or complaints? Yes No
7. Has your DEA certification or state-controlled drug permit ever been restricted, revoked, voluntarily relinquished or otherwise limited? Yes No
8. Have any of your privileges or memberships at any hospital or institution ever been denied, suspended, reduced, revoked, voluntarily relinquished or otherwise limited? Yes No
9. Has your participation in Medicare, Medicaid or any other government program ever been limited or curtailed, or have you voluntarily excluded yourself from any of these programs? Yes No
10. Has your participation in an insurance company network ever been limited or terminated? Yes No
11. Have you had a history of chemical dependency or substance abuse that might affect your ability to competently and safely perform the essential functions of a practitioner in your area of practice? Yes No
12. Have you had or do you have any mental or physical condition, or do you take any medications that might affect your ability to competently and safely perform the essential functions of a practitioner in your area of practice? Yes No
13. Has any malpractice carrier ever made an out-of-court settlement or paid a judgment of a medical malpractice claim on your behalf, or have you ever been named in a malpractice suit, settled, active or dismissed? Yes No
14. Has your professional liability insurer ever placed conditions or restrictions on your coverage or ability to get coverage? Yes No
15. Are you aware of any potential malpractice suits that may be filed against you? Yes No

J. Consent

I understand that:

- A. It is my responsibility to promptly advise CBA in writing within 30 days of any changes or additions to the information contained in this application.
- B. This is an application only and my submission of this application does not automatically result in participation with CBA.
- C. The CBA Professional Agreement is deemed effective on the date signed by the Director of CBA.

Notice: *The National Practitioner Data Bank will be queried if you apply. If your application is rejected for reasons relating to professional conduct or professional competence, including misrepresenting, misstating, or omitting a relevant fact in connection with your application, the rejection may be reported to The National Practitioner Data Bank.*

I, the undersigned, hereby attest that the information given in or attached to this application is accurate, complete and true; and fairly represents the current level of my training, experience, capability and competence to practice at the level requested. I specifically authorize CBA and its authorized representative to consult with any third party who may have information bearing on the subject addressed by this application, and to inspect or obtain any reports, records, recommendations or other documents or disclosures of said third parties that may be material to the questions in this application. I also specifically authorize any such third parties to release said information to CBA and its authorized representatives upon request. I hereby release CBA and its authorized representative and any of such third parties from any liability for any such reports, records, recommendations or other documents or disclosures involving me that are made, requested, or received by CBA and/or its authorized representatives to, from or by any such third parties, including otherwise privileged or confidential information, made or given in good faith and relating to the subject matter addressed by this application. I have the right to review information obtained by CBA to evaluate this credentialing application.

In choosing to participate in the CBA Practitioner Network, the Undersigned represents and warrants the truth and accuracy of the statements made in his/her application, and CBA shall be entitled to rely upon such statements. CBA makes no representation or warranty concerning the truth and/or accuracy of any statements made by the participating Practitioner in his/her application or related materials.

If I am accepted for participation in CBA, I consent to CBA's inspection of my patient records as allowed by law necessary for its peer and utilization review and quality assessment purposes, and agree to be bound by CBA's participation agreement, credentialing plan, policies and procedures.

A photocopy of this authorization shall be deemed equivalent to the original.

Any information you enter into this application that subsequently is found to be false could result in your dismissal from CBA's network.

Applicant

The application must be signed in ink. Stamped signatures are not acceptable.

Date

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.**

Print or type See Specific instructions on page 2.	Name (as shown on your income tax return)	
	Business name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (D=disregarded entity, C=corporation, P=partnership) ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt payee <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶	
	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)
	City, state, and ZIP code	
List account number(s) here (optional)		

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number
: : : :
or
Employer identification number
: : : :

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,