



**BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF ILLINOIS  
POLICY**

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> Network Provider Performance	<b>POLICY NUMBER:</b> Admin 02	<b>ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> 01/01/1997
<b>POLICY TITLE:</b> Primary Care Physician Affiliation with Multiple IPAs		<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> 11/01/2022 <b>LAST REVISION DATE:</b> 11/01/2020
<b>EXECUTIVE OWNER:</b> DSVP, IL Health Care Delivery	<b>BUSINESS OWNER:</b> Manager, Provider Performance	<b>LAST REVIEW DATE:</b> 11/01/2022

**I. SCOPE**

This Policy applies to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL) Health Management Organization (HMO), and for the following lines of business and products:

Line of Business / Product Scope / Plan Scope/Contract Number (if applicable)	In Scope [x]
HMO Commercial	x
HMO Exchange	x
PPO Commercial	
PPO Exchange	

**II. PURPOSE**

- To become consistent and reduce confusion in the marketplace.
- To eliminate administrative errors in membership and related member services.

**III. POLICY**

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL) does not allow Primary Care Physicians (PCPs) to participate with more than one Medical Group/Independent Physician Association or Physician Hospital Organizations (hereinafter the “IPAs”). Exceptions to this policy will be made based on added value to the network.

**IV. DEFINITIONS**

Added Value is defined as situations including but not limited to:

- PCPs with unique hospital affiliations with separate IPAs,
- PCPs in isolated geographic service areas,
- PCPs with multiple language skills, and
- Network approved exceptions.

These guidelines apply to PCPs in the following areas:

- Family Practice,
- General Practice,

- Internal Medicine,
- Pediatrics, and
- Chiropractic Medicine.

Note: Women’s Principle Health Care Physicians (WPHCP) are also considered PCPs, To assure female HMO members the right to access to Women’s Principle Health Care Physicians (WPHCP) of their choice, IPAs must have at least two WPHCP PCPs and may onboard additional WPHCP PCPs, as applicable.

## V. RELATED DOCUMENTS

Admin 02A - Primary Care Physician Affiliation with Multiple IPAs

## VI.IMPACTED BUSINESS AREAS

Impacted business areas include:

- Applicable BCBSIL Service Centers,
- HMO Network Operations, Quality Improvement,
- BCBSIL Illinois Analytics ,
- Sales and Marketing, and
- HMO Utilization Management

## VII.POLICY REVIEWERS

Person Responsible for Review	Title	Date of Review
Mary Ellen Merbeth	HMO Provider Network Consultant	10/6/2021
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## VIII. POLICY REVISION HISTORY

Description of Changes	Revision Date
Transferred P&P to new P&P template	09/29/2021

## IX. POLICY APPROVALS

Company, Division, Department and/or Committee	By: Name	Title	Approval date
BCBSIL P&P Committee			10/28/2021
BCBSIL P&P Committee			10/27/2022