

## UPMC Pinnacle Carlisle

**Subject:** Comprehensive Joint Replacement Collaborator Selection Criteria

**Purpose:**

UPMC Pinnacle Carlisle is participating in the Comprehensive Joint Replacement (CJR) model to support better and more efficient care for beneficiaries. The purpose of this policy is to establish certain guidelines related to UPMC Pinnacle's participation in the CJR program that complies with CMS's final rule, 42 CFR Part 510.

The CJR model aims to promote quality and financial accountability for care surrounding lower-extremity joint replacement (LEJR) procedures, also known as hip and knee replacements and referred to in the CJR model as the Episode of Care.

To participate as a CJR Collaborator, physicians must agree to certain participant hospital-established selection criteria. This policy is intended to set forth the CJR Collaborator eligibility criteria that must be met prior to entering into Collaborator Agreements.

**Definitions:**

Episode of Care – encompasses the inpatient stay for CJR Beneficiaries and all related care within 90 days of hospital discharge from the joint replacement procedure.

Collaborator – a physician who agrees to meet CJR participant hospital-established Selection Criteria, and with whom the participant hospital intends to enter into a gainsharing agreement.

Collaborator Agreement – a written gainsharing agreement between a physician and the CJR participant hospital.

**Policy:**

Physicians seeking to participate in the CJR program at UPMC Pinnacle Carlisle as a CJR Collaborator must meet the following selection criteria:

1. Be an individual physician who meets the following criteria or be a physician group that includes physicians meeting the following criteria:
  - a. Be board certified or board eligible in orthopedic surgery;
  - b. Practice as an orthopedic surgeon privileged to perform total joint replacement surgery (MS-DRGs 469 and 470);
  - c. Be a member in good standing of the medical staff at UPMC Pinnacle; and
  - d. Be in good standing with CMS, have a valid National Provider Identification (NPI) number and accept traditional Medicare fee for service (Medicare Part B).

2. Sign and comply with a CJR Collaborator Agreement with UPMC Pinnacle Carlisle in which the provider commits to,
  - a. Actively participate in Hospital's Care Redesign plan to achieve the objectives of cost effective, high quality care;
  - b. Shall adhere to and comply with all matters related to quality improvement initiated in connection with participation in the CJR model;
  - c. Shall use its best efforts to meet the quality thresholds described in the CJR Collaborator Agreement.

Under no circumstances are the above Selection criteria related, directly or indirectly, to the volume or value of past or anticipated referrals or other business generated by, between or among the UPMC Pinnacle Carlisle, any CJR Collaborator, or any individual or entity affiliated with UPMC Pinnacle Carlisle or CJR Collaborator.

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