



## CJR Collaborative Agreement Policy

<b>PURPOSE:</b>	
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CMS requires PDS to maintain a written set of policies for selecting providers for sharing financial risks and gains as CJR Collaborators. These policies must be related to, and inclusive of, the quality of care to be delivered to CJR Beneficiaries during a CJR Episode.

<b>POLICY:</b>	
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1. PDS will enter into Collaborator Agreements only with orthopedic surgeons that meet the following qualifications:
2. Physician represents warrants and covenants that, at all times during the Term, Physician will:
  - 2.1. Possess a valid and unlimited license to practice medicine in the State of New Mexico
  - 2.2. Maintain in good standing medical staff and clinical privileges on the medical staff of the Hospital
  - 2.3. Maintain unrestricted federal and state drug enforcement registration numbers as applicable to scope of practice
  - 2.4. Maintain a participating provider agreement with Medicare and not be excluded from participation in, or sanctioned by, any state, federal or local healthcare program, including without limitation, Medicare and Medicaid.
3. Program-Specific Requirements:
  - 3.1. Collaborator Agreements will be offered to orthopedic surgeons performing total knee, hip, or ankle replacement surgery.
  - 3.2. Orthopedic surgeons participating in Collaborator Agreements must agree to participate in and contribute to the Participant Hospital's care redesign strategies.
  - 3.3. Orthopedic surgeons participating in Collaborator Agreements must sign a written CJR Collaborator Agreement that will include parameters and metrics related to quality, care provision, and savings payment triggers appropriate for the services provided.
  - 3.4. Orthopedic surgeons entering into Collaborator Agreements must have (or their practice entity must have) a compliance program that includes oversight of the Collaborator Agreement and compliance with CJR requirements.
  - 3.5. Orthopedic surgeons entering into Collaborator Agreements must support and encourage patient attendance at PDS Joint Replacement Orientation Class prior to surgery
  - 3.6. Orthopedic surgeons entering into Collaborator Agreements must have the ability to track and share information regarding Beneficiary Notification, and Patient Reported Outcomes.
4. Participation in a Collaborator Agreement is voluntary and without penalty for nonparticipation.
5. Participation in a Collaborator Agreement will not be based on volume or value of referrals or business otherwise generated by the Collaborator. No Collaboration agreement shall be executed which is directly or indirectly conditioned on the number and or value of referrals made from or to the Collaboration partner.



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6. All requests for Hospital's consideration of contracting any CJR Collaborator shall be made to the Bundled Payment Steering Committee
7. If during the term of the Agreement, Physician does not meet any of the above qualifications and/or is placed on the List of Excluded Individuals and Entities of the Office of Inspector General ("LEIE") or any other sanctions list, excluded from government healthcare programs, or convicted of a felony or any crime relating to healthcare, Physician will immediately notify Hospital in writing of the event. In such event, Hospital will have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately by written notice to Physician.

<b>DEFINITIONS:</b>	
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- **Collaborator:** A provider that has entered into a collaborator agreement with Participant Hospital, and receives/pays money to the participant hospital as part of the agreement.
- **Collaborator Agreement:** A written agreement between a Participant Hospital and a CJR Collaborator for the sole purpose of making gainsharing payments under the CJR Episode Payment Model.
- **Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR):** A bundled payment program for selected hospitals aimed at improving the care of Medicare Beneficiaries undergoing lower extremity joint replacement surgery while lowering the 90-day episode costs. (42 CFR Part 510).
- **Participant Hospital:** An Acute Care Hospital participating in the CJR episode payment model (EPM).
- **PDS:** Presbyterian Delivery System, which includes CDS and RDS.