

The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company
POLICY
Credentialing and Recredentialing

Operation: Group Protection
Purpose: Maintain a policy for dental provider Credentialing and Recredentialing
Applicability: Applies to all PPO Service Areas.

POLICY:

The Lincoln National Life (LNL) Insurance Company's policy is to require a set of minimum standards and adherence to state law for the credentialing and recredentialing practices of each of its leased networks. LNL does not conduct any of its own credentialing. Credentialing is the responsibility of the leased networks who contract with providers.

LNL utilizes a series of leased provider networks. At the time of initial contracting, provider networks' credentialing policies and procedures are reviewed. Each network must credential its providers at least every three years. Providers must provide the following information to the leased network, as applicable:

Credentialing

- Current valid license, and history of licensure or certification
- Valid DEA certificate for administration/handling of controlled substances
- History of education and training
- Specialty board certification status, as applicable.
- Practice or work history covering the past 5+ years
- Malpractice insurance with malpractice history for the past 5+ years

Re-credentialing

- Current valid license or certification
- Specialty board certification status, as applicable
- Valid DEA certificate for administration/handling of controlled substances