This policy applies to:
☑ Stanford Health Care
☑ Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford

Date Written or Last Revision: January 2019

Name of Policy: OB-GYN as PCP

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I. PURPOSE

On or after January 1, 1995, every health care service plan that provides hospital, medical, or surgical coverage, that is issued, amended, delivered, or renewed in this state, shall include obstetrician/gynecologists as eligible primary care physicians, provided they meet the plan’s eligibility criteria for all specialists seeking primary care physician status. As the entity contracted with the health care service plan to provide or arrange for the provision of primary care physician service, Provider Groups are responsible for ensuring compliance with the requirement.

II. OBJECTIVES

Stanford Health Care and Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford will include obstetrician/gynecologists as eligible primary care physicians. Stanford Health Care and Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital will establish reasonable requirements for the participating obstetrician/gynecologist seeking primary care physician status.

III. PROCEDURE

A. Stanford Health Care and Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford shall allow an enrollee the option to seek primary care physician services directly from a participating obstetrician/gynecologist.

B. Stanford Health Care and Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford has established reasonable requirements for the participating obstetrician/gynecologist to practice as a primary care physician. Stanford Health Care and Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford requires that the obstetrician/gynecologist seeking primary care physician status meet the definition/expectations as defined in § 14254 of the Welfare and Institutions Code as follows. The term “primary care physician” means a physician who has the responsibility for providing initial and primary care to patients, for maintaining the continuity of patient care, and for initiating referral for specialist care. This means providing care for the majority of health care problems, including, but not limited to, preventive services, acute and chronic conditions, and psychosocial issues.

IV. Related Documents:

CA Health & Safety Code § 1367.69
CA Welfare & Institutions Code § 14254
Department of Managed Health Care Director’s Letter 1-K, February 18, 2010,
V. DOCUMENT INFORMATION

A. Legal Authority References
   1. CA Health & Safety Code 1367.69
      CA Welfare & Institutions Code 14254

B. Author/Original Date
   1. This Policy was authored by the Director, Medical Staff Services in July 2012.

C. Gatekeeper of Original Document
   1. The Director, Medical Staff Services (or designee), who will be responsible for
      initiating its review and revision. The Policy will reside in the Credentials Policy
      and Procedure Online Manual.

D. Review and Renewal Requirements
   1. This Policy will be reviewed and/or revised every three years or as required by
      change of law or practice.

E. Review and Revision History
   1. Created 7/12, 7/15, 1/19

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