



## **POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

**POLICY # 13.21**

**SUBJECT: CMS COMPREHENSIVE CARE FOR JOINT REPLACEMENT MODEL:  
CJR COLLABORATOR SELECTION CRITERIA**

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### **POLICY:**

- I. It is the policy of The Valley Hospital to collaborate with other Medicare-enrolled providers and suppliers by sharing gains and losses under the CJR Model only in accordance with the CJR Final Rule and the Waiver, and any other applicable state or federal laws, regulations or standards, as they may be amended from time to time.
- II. No CJR Collaborator will be selected using criteria based, directly or indirectly, on the volume or value of past or anticipated referrals or business otherwise generated by, between, or among a potential CJR Collaborator, The Valley Hospital, any CJR Collaborator, or any individual or entity affiliated with any of them.
- III. Participation by a CJR Collaborator in a Sharing Arrangement shall be voluntary.
- IV. Each CJR Collaborator shall meet the Selection Criteria specified in and/or determined pursuant to this Policy and Procedure for the applicable type of provider or supplier.

### **PURPOSE:**

To set criteria for The Valley Hospital's selection of individuals and entities with whom The Valley Hospital shares gains and losses (as applicable) as CJR Collaborators under the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Model.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

The Valley Hospital: The Valley Hospital, Inc.

CMS: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement ("CJR") Model: CMS bundled payment program providing bundled payment for certain lower extremity joint replacement Episodes of Care and

intended to improve the quality of care for such Episodes, as established by CMS in the CJR Final Rule.

CJR Collaborator: A person or entity described at 42 C.F.R. § 510.2 that has entered into a Sharing Arrangement with The Valley Hospital.

CJR Final Rule: The standards codified at 42 C.F.R. Part 510.

Selection Criteria: The criteria for selection of CJR Collaborators, in accordance with this Policy. Selection Criteria may be different for different types of providers or suppliers.

Sharing Arrangement: A written, signed agreement between The Valley Hospital and a CJR Collaborator establishing a financial arrangement between the parties for the purpose of The Valley Hospital making Gainsharing Payments to the CJR Collaborator and The Valley Hospital receiving Alignment Payments from the CJR Collaborator, as applicable, under the CJR Model.

Waiver: The Notice of Waivers of Certain Fraud and Abuse Laws in Connection with the Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Model issued by Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General and CMS and effective January 1, 2018.

Capitalized terms not defined herein have the meaning given in the CJR Final Rule.

## **PROCEDURE:**

- I. To be a Valley Hospital CJR Collaborator, a Physician Group Practice shall meet the following Selection Criteria related to, and inclusive of, the quality of care delivered by the Physician Group Practice:
  - A. Agree to actively participate in developing and implementing Care Redesign Activities in The Valley Hospital CJR Model, to coordinate care, manage comorbidities, and otherwise improve the quality of care delivered and decrease costs.
  - B. Agree to comply fully with the CJR Final Rule.
  - C. Demonstrate that it has an effective compliance program that includes oversight of the Sharing Arrangement and compliance with the CJR Final Rule.
  - D. Ensure that participation by each individual group physician or group provider is voluntary.
  - E. Agree to be clinically involved in the care of CJR Beneficiaries in CJR Episodes of Care commencing with an inpatient stay at The Valley Hospital.
  - F. Agree to distribute any Gainsharing Payments to members of the group only in accordance with a Distribution Agreement that meets the requirements of the CJR Final Rule.

G. Confirm that it is not now nor has it ever been, and has no physician or provider member who is or has been, excluded from participating in any federal health care program.

H. Require that each group physician participating in the CJR Model:

1. Be licensed to practice medicine in the State of New Jersey, without restrictions.
2. Be and remain on the Medical Staff at The Valley Hospital in good standing and credentialed to perform procedures covered by the CJR Model.
3. Be board certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery.
4. Maintain current registration with the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration and current controlled dangerous substance registration with the State of New Jersey to prescribe controlled substances without sanction, restriction, or limitation.
5. Be and remain an enrolled Medicare provider, without any prior suspension or termination from such program.

II. At the time of implementation of this Policy and Procedure, The Valley Hospital is pursuing Sharing Arrangements only with potential CJR Collaborators that are Physician Group Practices. Selection Criteria for other types of providers or suppliers that may become CJR Collaborators shall be developed as needed, consistent with this Policy and Procedure.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Vice President & Chief Medical Officer

  
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Audrey Meyers  
President and Chief Executive Officer

**EFFECTIVE:** 11/1/2019

**References:** CMS Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Model  
42 C.F.R. Part 510