

MONTEFIORE NYACK HOSPITAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

CONTACT PERSON: Total Joint Navigator

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR) Model Selection Criteria for CJR Collaborators

I. POLICY:

Montefiore Nyack Hospital (the “Hospital”) participates in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (“CMS”) CJR Model. The CJR Model encourages hospitals and physicians to cooperate to improve the quality and coordination of care for patients receiving lower extremity joint replacements. CMS allows participant hospitals, such as the Hospital, to enter into gainsharing agreements with certain providers that participate in the hospital’s CJR Activities.

It is the intent of the Hospital and CJR Collaborators to improve the quality and efficiency of services provided in connection with the CJR Model and not to limit or reduce medically necessary items or services to CJR Beneficiaries.

Participation by physicians is voluntary. There will be no penalty for nonparticipation.

II. PURPOSE:

To describe and document the criteria and process for selection of CJR Collaborators under the CJR Model by the Hospital.

III. DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this policy/procedure, the following definitions apply:

1. **CJR Activities:** Activities related to promoting accountability for the quality, cost, and overall care for CJR Beneficiaries, including managing and coordinating care; encouraging investment in infrastructure enabling technologies and redesigned care processes for high quality and efficient service delivery; the provision of items and services during a CJR episode in a manner that reduces costs and improves quality; or carrying out any other obligation or duty under CJR.
2. **CJR Beneficiary:** A beneficiary who meets the beneficiary inclusion criteria in 42 C.F.R. § 510.205 and who is in a CJR episode.
3. **CJR Collaborator:** For purposes of this policy, a physician that agrees to meet the Hospital’s established Selection Criteria and with whom the Hospital intends to gainshare (to the extent CJR program savings are generated).
4. **CJR Collaborator Agreement:** Written gainsharing agreement between a physician and the Hospital, in which the physician agrees, among other requirements, to meet the Selection Criteria as defined below.
5. **CJR Model:** The Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Payment Model.
6. **Performance Year:** A year that the CJR Model is being tested.
7. **Selection Criteria:** The criteria to determine CJR Collaborators as further defined in Section V of this policy.

IV. SCOPE:

This policy applies to the Hospital and all members of the medical staff wishing to participate in the CJR Model.

V. SELECTION CRITERIA

For a physician to participate in the CJR program at the Hospital as a CJR Collaborator, he or she must meet the following Selection Criteria:

1. Be a physician licensed by the State of New York.
2. Demonstrate proficiency in Total joint replacement.
3. Be a member in good standing of the medical staff of the Hospital with privileges as an orthopedic surgeon with no restrictions on privileges and perform major lower extremity joint procedures (DRGs 469, 470, 521, and 522) at the Hospital.
4. Be enrolled as a Medicare provider that accepts traditional fee-for-service Medicare, in good standing status with Medicare, and in compliance with all Medicare provider enrollment requirements.
5. Participate in specific CJR Activities as requested by the Hospital such as the following:
 - a. Attend a minimum of two (2) redesign meetings and a minimum of two (2) data review meetings during a Performance Year.
 - b. Devote material, time and effort to reduce variable cost of CJR services in a clinically sound manner.

The above Selection Criteria are related to, and inclusive of, the quality of care to be delivered to CJR Beneficiaries. Meeting the above Selection Criteria will be a condition of participating in the CJR program as a CJR Collaborator.

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 to, from, or among the Hospital or any CJR Collaborator or any individual or entity affiliated with the Hospital or CJR Collaborator.

VI. PROCEDURE

1. All requests to become a CJR Collaborator shall be submitted to the Chief Medical Officer. The Chief Medical Officer shall determine whether physician meet the Selection Criteria.
2. For a physician to become a CJR Collaborator, the physician shall sign a CJR Collaborator Agreement and agree to all conditions, gainsharing methodologies and CJR Activities requirements.
3. CJR Collaborator Agreements shall be signed before a CJR Beneficiary receives care under the terms of the agreements.
4. CJR Collaborators will discuss participation with the program with qualifying patients at the time of surgical indication. Collaborators must not object to their information being disclosed on the Hospital's website as being a CJR Collaborator. The hospital shall provide CJR notification per CMS regulations.

REFERENCES:

42 C.F.R. Part 510.
CMS and OIG Fraud and Abuse Waivers
CMS CJR Model Summary Website