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Would you like to help Blue Shield develop its medical policies, recommend fees, participate in utilization reviews?

Highmark Blue Shield is searching for health care professionals and other health care providers to expand its professional consultant network.

Blue Shield maintains an extensive network of physicians and other health care providers, known as professional consultants.

Professional consultants are paid, independent contractors who work with Blue Shield and are asked to provide their expertise for the many important issues related to medical policy, medical necessity determinations for specific claims, appeals and retrospective utilization reviews, and reimbursement issues.

Becoming a professional consultant offers many rewards. Blue Shield offers a competitive compensation and the flexibility to tailor your consulting workload to your needs. It also gives you the chance to help ensure the quality and appropriateness of care received by Blue Shield members.

Blue Shield's consultants play an important role in many of its key operations and serve as an important link to the health care community.



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We have vacancies in the medical specialties of:

- Bariatric surgery
- Cardiology
- Cardio-thoracic surgery
- Chiropractic with Certified Chiropractic Extremity Practitioner (C.C.E.P.) certification
- Geriatric medicine
- Gynecology/endocrinology/infertility
- Hematology
- Maternal/fetal medicine
- Neurological surgery
- Nuclear medicine
- Oncology
- Ophthalmology (specializing in vitreoretinal medicine)
- Oral and maxillofacial surgery
- Orthopedic surgery**
- Otolaryngology
- Otorhinolaryngology
- Pain management
- Pathology
- Pediatric ophthalmology
- Plastic surgery
- Pulmonary medicine
- Radiation oncology
- Radiology
- Surgery (general, transplant, MOHS therapy)
- Thoracic surgery
- Ultrasound**

We also have vacancies for ambulance services providers, prosthetists and orthotists, home infusion therapy providers, and durable medical equipment suppliers.

#### Professional consultant qualifications

To qualify as a professional consultant, health care professionals must:

- Maintain active clinical practice
- Be a participating provider with both Blue Shield's private business and Medicare programs
- Maintain appropriate board-certification for each specialty and/or sub-specialty, as applicable, for each designation as a professional consultant
- Maintain appropriate practice patterns and service utilization levels
- Be free of any findings of fraud or abuse
- Be willing to provide medical opinions and input within the time frames required by Blue Shield

To qualify as a professional consultant, suppliers must:

Maintain active links and current employment with a medical equipment dealer

Maintain appropriate billing and supply utilization levels

Be free of any findings of fraud or abuse

Be willing to supply expert opinions and input within the time frames required by Blue Shield

If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity, and you specialize in one of the areas in which we have vacancies, please send a copy of your Curriculum Vitae or resumé to:

Highmark Blue Shield

Attention: Professional Consultant Coordinator

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