

Zenith monitors and evaluates provider performance using economic analysis and assessments for compliance with Zenith expectations and to determine inclusion and ongoing participation in the Zenith Medical Provider Network (ZMPN). The ZMPN Participation Requirements may change. You are responsible for periodically reviewing this document to remain informed of and compliant with all ZMPN Participation Requirements. Failure to comply with ZMPN Participation Requirements may result in removal from the ZMPN. You can access and review the ZMPN Participation Requirements as well as Zenith's California Provider Evaluation Policy online at www.thezenith.com (under Medical Providers, select Medical Networks and Panels, then Network Policies and Procedures). Please contact us at (800) 841-3988 should you have any questions.

Zenith's requirements for continued participation in the ZMPN include, but are not limited to:

1. Treat within the scope of your specialty and maintain your medical license in good standing at all times. This includes loss of eligibility to participate in a federal or state insurance program for cause including but not limited to Medicare, Medicaid or MediCal. Providers who do not maintain medical licensing or lose eligibility to participate in a federal or state program will be removed from the ZMPN. Providers charged with fraudulent activities will be subject to utilization review on all services. Providers who admit to facts of wrongdoing, enter a plea, or are convicted of charges will be removed from the ZMPN.
2. Deliver care to the Zenith injured worker within MTUS or other evidence based medicine guidelines where appropriate. If the requested treatment is outside the scope of applicable guidelines, the treatment request should explain the medical necessity and rationale for the request and supporting documentation should be submitted with the treatment request to expedite review of the treatment request. MTUS is presumptively correct on the issue of extent and scope of medical treatment and diagnostic services addressed in the MTUS for the duration of the medical condition.
3. Provide advance notice to Zenith before extending the originally approved course of treatment based on a clinical assessment.
4. Provide advance notice to Zenith before adding body parts beyond those originally approved.
5. Request authorization utilizing appropriate forms, provide supporting documentation for the medical necessity of the requested treatment, participate in peer-to-peer as requested and provide additional information requested in a timely manner. Zenith may deny reimbursement for treatment that is determined not to be medically necessary or for failure to obtain authorization. Emergency health care services may be subject to retrospective review; however, failure to obtain prior authorization for emergency health care services shall not be an acceptable basis for refusal to cover medical services provided to treat and stabilize an injured worker presenting for emergency health care services. Zenith expects providers to abide by utilization review requirements and determinations, including appeal and independent medical review processes.
6. Provide approved surgical services all in a single surgical event unless you have specifically requested surgical services be provided as staged surgeries and Zenith has previously approved the requested staged provision of surgical treatment.
7. Submit DFRs, PR2s, PR4s or other supporting document(s) within State established guidelines or within the timeframe requested by Zenith, whichever is applicable. Medical reports should be legible, complete and accurate. When a medication, subject to the CURES requirements, is initially prescribed, the medical report must note that CURES was checked as required. Zenith also expects reports to discuss the results of any urinary drug testing performed, including whether the test results will or will not impact the course of treatment.
8. Promptly communicate with, and respond to, Zenith employees and agents, such as but not limited to Zenith's utilization review organization and medical directors, to help ensure that there is no delay in care for the injured worker or in the management of the claim. This includes responding timely to requests for additional information and participating in peer-to-peer conversations as part of Zenith's claim review, quality review, and utilization review/independent medical review processes. This also includes following Zenith and its vendor's workflows for scheduling, providing and billing for medical services.
9. Comply with Zenith's Pharmacy Network (ZPN) requirements which include the use of generics and over-the-counter medications as appropriate. Prescriptions should comply with state and federal regulations in both form and substance. Provider and office dispensing are neither included in, nor covered through the ZPN. Injured workers are required to fill prescriptions at a pharmacy participating in the ZPN. Medications dispensed at a provider's office will not be reimbursed unless for an intrathecal pump (including refills), antibiotic or antiviral. The ZPN listing is available online at www.thezenith.com (under Medical Providers, select Pharmacy, then Find a California Network Pharmacy). Assistance locating a pharmacy or compounding pharmacy, or accessing mail order services, is available by contacting the Tmesys Help Desk at 866-599-5426.

10. Prescribe generic medications and medical devices and equipment whenever a generic equivalent is available. If a generic equivalent is not medically appropriate due to medical concerns, submit a RFA to request a brand name and include supporting documentation showing why the brand name is medically necessary for the injured worker. Zenith requires all medications, medical devices and equipment to meet Medical Necessity requirements.
11. The California Prescription Drug Monitoring Database (PDMP) maintains the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (“CURES”) database which is located at <https://oag.ca.gov/cures>. As a ZMPN provider, it is expected that you register and consult the CURES database no earlier than 24 hours, or the previous business day before prescribing, ordering, or administering scheduled and controlled medications to any ZMPN injured worker. You are also required to consult CURES at least once every four months when continuing to prescribe a controlled substance to any ZMPN injured worker. Medical reports must note that CURES was checked as required.
12. Ensure that referrals for care are made within the ZMPN. To locate network providers, utilize the Zenith provider online search tool at www.thezenith.com (under Medical Providers, select Medical Networks and Panels, then Find A Provider) or contact Zenith’s Provider Group at 800-841-3988. ZMPN participation is specific to the Medical Provider and at the respective listed location. In addition, a list of preferred ancillary services (“Zenith Contact List”) is included with this letter and can also be found at www.thezenith.com (under Medical Providers, select Medical Networks and Panels, then Find an Ancillary Service Vendor). All services must be provided in network.
13. Provide treatment only at your practice locations that have been listed in the ZMPN directory. Any location not listed in the ZMPN directory is not included in the ZMPN and treatment rendered at those locations will be subject to denial as out of network.
14. Provide and bill for services only at locations and under Taxpayer Identification Numbers (TIN) selected by Zenith for inclusion in the ZMPN. Other physicians or health care providers who treat workers’ compensation patients and who use your TIN are only considered participants in the ZMPN if the medical group or clinic is independently listed and the medical group or clinic has signed an Acknowledgement as required by 9767.5.1. Otherwise, other physicians or healthcare providers sharing your TIN are not included in the ZMPN unless they have been individually selected for participation in the network and individually appear on Zenith’s network list.

If you participate in the ZMPN through one of Zenith’s ancillary vendors, you must comply with the ancillary vendor’s procedures including requirements that treatment requests, coordination of care, and billings be processed through the vendor. Treatment rendered that is not in compliance with the ancillary vendor’s procedures is subject to denial as out of network treatment.

15. Submit timely bills to Zenith that accurately reflect the services you provided to Zenith’s injured workers and that comply with OMFS and other applicable regulatory requirements. If you disagree with a bill payment, you must submit reconsiderations using the appropriate dispute resolution process within the applicable timeframe set forth for second review of bills and independent bill review.
16. Accept the applicable contract rate as payment in full, and not pursue reimbursement in excess of the contract rate or file liens in excess of the applicable contract rate.
17. Sign any Acknowledgment Forms agreeing to participate in the ZMPN when requested by Zenith or its designated agent.
18. Contact Zenith’s Provider Group at 800-841-3988 or email the Provider Group at providergroup@thezenith.com within 10 days of any demographic information change (i.e. address, phone or TIN) or if you are no longer treating workers’ compensation injuries and illnesses.