

TACONIC IPA, INC. (“TACONIC”)

QUALIFICATIONS AND PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

1. In order to be eligible as a Participating Physician in Taconic, a Physician must possess the following Qualifications and meet the following Participation Criteria, as determined by Taconic’s Credentialing Committee and its board of directors (the “Board of Directors”):

(a) The Physician must hold an unrestricted license to practice medicine in the state where the Physician office is located. The Physician shall be obliged to disclose whether his or her license to practice medicine is subject to probation, or is or has ever been subject to other limitations, including suspensions and revocations pending appeal or subject to probation which has been stayed, including an explanation of the nature and extent of any such action.);

(b) The Physician must have full privileges on the staff of a hospital (a “Participating Hospital”) which is a provider participant in MVP Health Plan, Inc. (“MVP”). As used herein, the term “full privileges” shall not include and specifically exclude consultative, courtesy, special, limited, designated and other privileges that in any way limit the Physician’s admission of patients. Physicians who have an office in Taconic’s Service Area but do not have privileges at a Participating Hospital must submit a letter with their application from a qualified physician who is a Participating Physician in Taconic confirming that an arrangement has been established to provide appropriate inpatient care in a Participating Hospital. As used herein, the term Service Area shall mean Litchfield County Connecticut, Dutchess, Putnam, Orange, Ulster, Columbia, Greene, Westchester, Rockland and Sullivan Counties of New York and such other counties as Taconic may designate;

(c) The Physician must be able to assure that his or her services are available on a twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week basis, and that coverage for call and other absences, excluding only emergency situations, will be provided by other Participating Physicians and, if services are to be provided by licensed ancillary staff that the Physician will provide disclosure in writing of such activity to Taconic and will provide supervision of such staff as required by and in accordance with the laws of the State of New York and the policies of Taconic and MVP. Absent receipt of prior written approval from Taconic, coverage for call and other absences may not be provided by a Physician whose Participating Physician Agreement has been terminated or not renewed by Taconic or by a physician who has not been accepted as a Participating Physician in Taconic or by any physician or other provider of medical services whose participation in MVP has been denied or whose agreement with MVP has been either terminated or not renewed;

(d) The Physician must be able to provide all of those professional services which may be required pursuant to Taconic’s Participating Physician Agreement (the “Participating Physician Agreement”);

(e) The Physician must have sufficient facilities and support staff to enable him or her to provide professional services which may be required pursuant to the Participating Physician Agreement;

(f) The Physician must carry medical malpractice insurance in the minimum amounts of \$1 Million per claim/\$3 Million annual aggregate and, if available to Physician he/she shall have applied for and obtained an excess layer of insurance from or through a Participating Hospital;

(g) The Physician must not be subject to exclusion from and must be currently able to participate in the federal and state funded programs of Medicare and Medicaid;

(h) The Physician must allow Taconic to conduct on-site office review and review of patient medical records. Such review of patient medical records shall be subject to, and in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations addressing patient confidentiality;

(i) The Physician must agree to execute a Participating Physician Agreement and to comply with the terms and conditions thereof, as they are interpreted, from time to time, by the Board of Directors;

(j) The Physician must agree to abide by MVP's fiscal determinations'

(k) The Physician must agree to comply with determinations made by the relevant peer review committees and by the Board of Directors;

(l) The Physician must maintain an office in the Service Area, unless Taconic, in its sole discretion, determines that there is an insufficient supply of physicians within the Service area in the Physician's specialty;

(m) The Physician must maintain medical records in accordance with prevailing community standards;

(n) The Physician must agree to abide by the practice standards or protocols or other specific guidelines as used, adopted or developed by MVP and/or Taconic from time to time;

(o) For physicians who apply after January 1, 1996, the Physician must be board certified in the specialty in which he or she practices, within five (5) years of completion of residency and/or fellowship, by an Accredited Board. A list of Accredited Board will be made available by Taconic upon written request from a Physician. A Physician applying after January 1, 1996, who is relocating to the Taconic Service Area and who has been a participating physician with another independent practice association having a service contract with MVP may be treated as if he or she has applied to Taconic prior to January 1, 1996 for purposes of satisfying the board certification requirement;

(p) If the Physician is a member of a Group Practice, all members of the Group Practice must individually meet the Qualifications and Participation Criteria set forth in this policy. As used herein, Group Practice shall have the meaning set forth in New York Public Health Law Section 238(5); and

(q) The Physician must have in his/her office setting a system for electronic communication which system is sufficient to store and process data which will be reasonably required by Taconic from its Participating Physicians and shall enable the Physician to electronically send and receive claims processing data.

2. In addition to the foregoing Qualifications and Participation Criteria, the Credentialing Committee may consider any other factors as may be lawful and consistent with Taconic's purposes and objectives.