

# **Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR) Collaborator Selection Criteria**

## **PURPOSE:**

This policy establishes criteria for selection of Mather Hospital CJR Collaborators.

## **SCOPE:**

This policy applies to Mather Hospital's participation in the CJR program, and specifically to Mather Hospital's participation in CJR Collaborator Agreements under 42 CFR Part 510.

## **DEFINITIONS:**

**Care Redesign** – clinical and/or quality measures undertaken by a CJR Participant Hospital as part of its participation in the CJR model. Such measures may include, but are not limited to, measures to promote quality of care, care coordination, cost efficiencies, financial accountability among providers involved in CJR episodes, and investments in infrastructure.

**Collaborator** – a provider or supplier who makes contributions to a Participant Hospital's episode performance on CJR spending and quality under a written collaborator arrangement. Collaborators can include skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, long-term care hospitals, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, physicians, non-physician practitioners, physician group practices, and providers or suppliers of outpatient therapy services.

**Collaborator Agreement** – a written agreement between Mather Hospital and a CJR Collaborator for purposes of achieving goals of the CJR program.

**Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR)** – A mandatory bundled payment program for selected hospitals aimed at improving the care of Medicare Beneficiaries undergoing lower extremity joint replacement surgery while lowering the ninety (90) day episode costs.

**Participant Hospital** – an inpatient prospective payment system hospital participating in the CJR model.

## **POLICY:**

1. Mather Hospital will enter into CJR Collaborator agreements solely with physicians or physician group practices (PGPs) that meet the quality and other selection criteria established by Mather Hospital in compliance with CJR requirements.
2. Mather Hospital will enter into Collaborator Agreements in accordance with all regulations set forth in 42 CFR Part 510.
3. Physician or PGP participation in Collaborator Agreements shall be voluntary and without penalty for nonparticipation.

4. Each physician Collaborator or physician member of a PGP Collaborator shall:
  - a. be duly licensed to practice medicine in the State of New York, and shall have active membership on Hospital's medical staff
  - b. have unrestricted Hospital medical staff privileges to perform lower extremity joint replacement surgery
  - c. agree to comply with the quality metrics established pursuant to Hospital CJR Care Redesign programs.
5. Mather Hospital and CJR Collaborators shall work collectively to preserve or improve quality of care in CJR episodes while reducing CJR episode costs.

**REVIEW:**

Mather Hospital shall review and revise this Policy from time to time, as necessary to promote the goals of the CJR program.