

APPENDIX 14

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Medicaid Health Plan Provider Network Standards				
	non-rural		Rural	
Required Providers	Maximum Time (minutes)	Maximum Distance (miles)	Maximum Time (minutes)	Maximum Distance (miles)
Primary Care Providers (adult)	30 minutes	30 miles	40 minutes	40 miles
Primary Care Providers (pediatric)	30 minutes	30 miles	40 minutes	40 miles
OB/GYN	30 minutes	30 miles	40 minutes	40 miles
Cardiology	30 minutes	30 miles	40 minutes	40 miles
Outpatient Behavioral Health*	30 minutes	30 miles	75 minutes	75 miles
Hospital	30 minutes	30 miles	60 minutes	60 miles
Pharmacy	25 minutes	25 miles	30 minutes	30 miles
General Dentistry	30 minutes	30 miles	40 minutes	40 miles

Provider Network Exceptions

Exceptions, if any, to these time and distance standards will be at the sole discretion of MDHHS and only considered based on the number of providers practicing in the identified specialty participating in the MHP service area and in consideration of the following circumstances:

- a) For adult and pediatric PCPs, OB/GYN, Specialists,, and Behavioral Health providers:
 - i) When the availability of providers in the service area are limited in number and type, especially in areas designated as Health Professional Shortage Areas.
 - ii) The geographic characteristic of the service area is rural in nature.
 - iii) Service delivery pattern of the service area.
- b) For hospitals:
 - i) The availability of a hospital(s) located within the service area.
 - ii) The Contractor's ability to contract with hospital(s) located within the Contractor's service area.
 - iii) The participation of a hospital(s) located within the Contractor's service area, with MDHHS' Hospital Access Agreement.

* Consistent with Covered Services and MHP responsibilities as defined in this Contract, including but not limited to Appendix 7.