

ACCOUNTABLE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ALLIANCE

Policy No. 035: PRACTICE GUIDELINES

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Cross References:	EQR Report 2004 Findings
Purpose:	To promote the delivery of clinical care which is consistent with valid and reliable clinical evidence
Policy:	ABHA will adopt and disseminate practice guidelines which consider the needs of its enrollees; are adopted in consultation with contracting healthcare professionals, and are reviewed and updated periodically, as appropriate.
Scope:	This policy applies to ABHA and ABHA Contracted Providers
Procedure:	<p>The ABHA UM/QMC will review nationally recognized practice guidelines and make recommendations to the Administrative Council to approve, adopt and adapt those guidelines which are most relevant to the needs of the population it serves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The ABHA UM/QMC will be responsible for reviewing and recommending adoption of clinical guidelines<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ ABHA QM will be responsible for maintaining and updating documentation of adopted practice guidelines○ Current practice guidelines will be posted to the ABHA website• Quality management activities will be designed ensure that clinical decisions are made consistent with the guidelines
Enforcement:	Accountable Behavioral Health Alliance shall monitor county partners and subcontractor compliance with this policy by conducting quality assurance activities as outlined in ABHA's UM and QM Plans

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Date Approved by the Governing Board