

**65-471. Same; agreements for services; employment of health care providers and other persons; compensation for services performed by health care provider.** (a) Upon such conditions and terms as is deemed appropriate by the governing body of any member of a rural health network, a member of a rural health network or the rural health network may enter into agreements with any other person or entity to perform any service, including but not limited to services for provision of primary risk management and peer review services.

(b) Any critical access hospital or rural health network may employ any health care provider to provide patient care or other services and may employ such other persons as necessary to carry out the function of the rural health network. The contract may allow for the health care provider or a member of the rural health network to seek direct compensation from the patient, the patient's representative or a third party payor for the services performed by the health care provider.

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