I. PURPOSE: This policy is intended to define the circumstances under which SelectHealth will credential skilled nursing facilities for panel participation.

II. SCOPE: A skilled nursing facility is defined as a facility that provides inpatient skilled nursing care.

III. POLICY:

A. SelectHealth will allow a skilled nursing facility to apply for SelectHealth panel participation, upon receiving a recommendation from the SelectHealth Contracts and Reimbursement Committee, if the facility meets the following criteria:

1. The skilled nursing facility is in good standing with all state and federal regulatory bodies, is licensed by the state, and participates with Medicare.

2. The skilled nursing facility has undergone and passed an on-site facility evaluation by one or more of the following: SelectHealth; the Utah or Idaho State Department of Professional Licensure; the State of Utah Department of Health (Medicare/Medicaid Survey and Certification Agency); the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA); and/or an accreditation organization authorized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

3. The skilled nursing facility offers services necessary to meet the health care needs of SelectHealth members.

4. The skilled nursing facility must maintain malpractice insurance of at least $1,000,000/$3,000,000.

B. SelectHealth will recredential participating skilled nursing facilities every three years. Failure to satisfactorily pass this recredentialing/reappointment process will automatically be considered grounds for removal of the skilled nursing facility from SelectHealth's panel of participating skilled nursing facilities.
C. The following credentialing documents must be obtained at the time of initial credentialing and at reappointment:

1. Copy of state license
2. Copy of malpractice insurance binder
3. Copy of completed on-site facility evaluation or accreditation verification