

Rules of Eligibility Policy

Summary

This policy describes the eligibility requirements that licensees must achieve in order to register a domain in the .Med namespace. It sets forth the classifications of businesses and organizations that are permitted to apply as well as the nature of the information that must be submitted as part of this application process.

Applicant Qualifications

The following for-profit and not-for-profit business or organizations are initially eligible to apply to register names in .Med:

Healthcare Delivery Institutions

- These are licensed medical facilities or institutions that deliver healthcare services
 - o These institutions may include Acute, Emergency, Ambulatory/Ambulatory Surgery, Rehabilitation, Long-term, Skilled, and Hospice Care
- Licensing of these facilities may be overseen by multiple competent regulatory jurisdictions or healthcare delivery credentialing organizations
- Rules of licensing can vary by type of care delivered, regulatory jurisdiction, or professional recognized bodies

Medical Professionals

- These are individual (or small medical practices groups of) medical professionals that are medically educated, professionally certified/trained, and licensed by their appropriate competent regulatory jurisdictions within which they practice
- Rules of licensing can vary by type of medical specialization, care delivered, regulatory jurisdiction or professional bodies empowered to regulate medical practice within a given geography.

Medical Suppliers

This is a group of institutions that provide medical supplies to the above medical institutions and professionals. These supplies are required for the delivery of healthcare to their constituents, patients and caregivers. Suppliers deliver products that have been researched, rigorously tested, clinically demonstrated to be effective, and approved for use per labeling indications by a competent regulatory authority.

- Medical Device Suppliers
 - o Provide a medical device or consumable supply utilized in the delivery of healthcare
 - o Licensed or regulated by a competent jurisdiction that the device meets the appropriate specifications and effectiveness for its intended purpose

- Pharmaceutical Suppliers
 - o Provide a therapeutic or pharmacologic product utilized or recommended by medical professionals in their delivery of healthcare
 - o Licensed or regulated by a competent jurisdiction that the product meets the appropriate specifications and effectiveness for its intended purposes

Medical Service Providers

Service Providers are groups of supporting organizations that primarily focus on delivery of non-medical services to the healthcare ecosystem. They may include logistics, financial, technical, labor/staffing, healthcare consulting, and other functions (as defined in the future).

- Must deliver evidence that they have a specialized focus on the healthcare ecosystem and represent this focus within the .Med domain names licensed.
- Services delivered must be supported or endorsed by one or more of the above organizations (Institutions, Professionals & Suppliers) in order to achieve full eligibility

Medical Education & Research Institutions

Healthcare education and research are vital elements of the healthcare ecosystem and are encouraged to adopt .Med domains as appropriate.

- Educational institutions demonstrate that they are an accredited educational institution as determined by their competent regulatory or credentialing body for their given geography. This includes primary education or secondary continuing educational organizations.
- Institutions that conduct scientifically valid healthcare research, support the research ecosystem, and/or regulate the research ecosystem are eligible.

Medical Associations

The goal is to encourage professional and institutional associations or societies to adopt the .Med namespace for the purpose of achieving the objectives of the .Med healthcare ecosystem.

- Associations whose members are primarily comprised of the above Institutions, Professionals, Suppliers, Service Providers, and Education & Research are eligible to license the use of .Med domains to further their mission.