

PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

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Update: EquiClaim to Perform Focused and Limited Hospital Bill Validation (HBV) Services

As previously communicated in Provider Bulletin P48-17, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) engaged EquiClaim, a Change Healthcare company, (EQC CHC) to perform focused and limited Hospital Bill Validation (HBV) Services for short inpatient stays in support of Blue Cross's reimbursement policy, "Facility 001 – Inpatient Short Stay". EQC CHC has been auditing inpatient facility claims with a length of stay from zero to one day. Effective November 1, 2020, EQC CHC will also review Hospital Bill Validation Services on short day lengths of stay of two days. No change has been made to the Blue Cross reimbursement policy.

HBV reviews are site of service focused reviews where RN's verify the accuracy of the site of service billed for specific claims. EQC CHC will utilize Blue Cross's post-payment provider claim data to perform the HBV reviews, and in some cases, will request medical records from providers in order to complete the reviews.

HBV reviews use InterQual[®] as the screening criteria set identified by Blue Cross as the evidenced-based criteria utilized by the Provider and Plan.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or **1-800-262-0820**.