

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### **Minnesota Health Care Programs Reimbursement Policy Update for Modifier 78**

Effective November 1, 2020, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will be updating Reimbursement Policy Modifier 78: Unplanned Return to the Operating/Procedure Room by the Same Physician Following Initial Procedure for a Related Procedure during the Postoperative Period. Circumstances that are non-reimbursable for Modifier 78 has been modified to include Procedures with Global Day indicator settings of 000, XXX, or ZZZ.

The definition of Modifier 78 has been updated to: Unplanned Return to the Operating/Procedure Room by the Same Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional Following Initial Procedure for a Related Procedure During the Postoperative Period. It may be necessary to indicate that another procedure was performed during the postoperative period of the initial procedure (unplanned procedure following initial procedure). When this procedure is related to the first, and requires the use of an operating/procedure room it may be reported by the modifier 78 to the related procedure.

Additional information can be found on the provider website:

<https://provider.publicprograms.bluecrossmn.com/minnesota-provider/claims/reimbursement-policies>

#### **Products Impacted**

Blue Cross Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) including Blue Advantage Families and Children (F&C), MinnesotaCare (MNCare), SecureBlue (MSHO), and Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+).

#### **Questions?**

If you have questions, please contact Provider Services at **1-866-518-8448**.