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Updated Preadmission Services for Inpatient Stays Reimbursement Policy for Minnesota Health Care Programs Members

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will be publishing an updated Reimbursement Policy for Preadmission Services for Inpatient Stays effective April 1, 2021.

The Reimbursement Policy will be updated to reflect a three-day preadmission period rather than the current one-day period. All other information contained in the policy will remain the same.

When Blue Cross members receive outpatient diagnostic services that are related to an inpatient admission, it is important that the services are billed appropriately as part of the inpatient claim.

The purpose of this reimbursement policy is to ensure related outpatient diagnostic services are billed as part of inpatient claims, when appropriate. This new policy aligns with guidance from CMS and only applies to outpatient facility claims that occur within three days of an inpatient admission.

Products impacted:

- Families and Children (F&C)
- Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+)
- Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO)
- MinnesotaCare (MNCare)

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider services at **1-866-518-8448**.