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Outpatient Dialysis Notification - Requirement Change

Effective August 1, 2021, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will no longer require notification for outpatient dialysis services for commercial and Medicare lines of business.

As previously communicated in Provider Bulletin *P53-16 New Notification Requirement for Outpatient Dialysis Services for Commercial Products and Subscribers in Government Programs*, Blue Cross required notification for dialysis services to identify members with chronic kidney disease (CKD) and end stage kidney disease (ESKD) who may benefit from case management services.

As described in Provider Quick Point *QP18-21 Blue Cross to Collaborate with VillageHealth*, Blue Cross will collaborate with VillageHealth DM, LLC to help deliver integrated kidney care (IKC) to chronic kidney disease (CKD) and end stage kidney disease (ESKD) subscribers. The program is designed to support providers in identifying gaps in care, help improve clinical outcomes, educating patients to help inform modality choice, and enable timely and clinically appropriate referrals while helping to reduce unnecessary medical costs. The IKC program will help eligible Blue Cross subscribers better manage their kidney disease, empowering them to maintain their health and lifestyle. Eligible subscribers will be identified using claims and utilization management data. Therefore, the notification requirement will end for commercial and Medicare lines of business.

Products Impacted

This information only applies to commercial and Medicare lines of business.

Questions?

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