

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



June 1, 2021

### Site of Service for Selected Outpatient Procedures: XI-03 Medical Policy Update

Effective August 2, 2021, an update will be made to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) medical policy, XI-03: Site of Service for Selected Outpatient Procedures.

Selected outpatient Upper & Lower Gastrointestinal Endoscopy procedures (listed below) will be added to this medical policy and must be performed in a non-hospital outpatient setting – such as an Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC). Claims will not be eligible for reimbursement in a hospital facility unless certain medical, geographic or contractual criteria are met.

*Providers that are exempt from this policy for previously added GI codes will automatically be exempt from the policy as it applies to these two additional codes. The exemption list and additional details about this medical policy can be found [HERE](#).*

Procedures administered in a hospital outpatient facility must meet medical policy criteria to be eligible for reimbursement. Post-service audits will be conducted for services taking place in a hospital setting using the following information to ensure policy criteria are met:

- Documentation of medical necessity to receive the procedure at an outpatient hospital setting.

Geographic exclusions for post-service audits include:

- Services for patients living greater than 25 miles from an in-network ASC or office performing these procedures are excluded from this program.
- Hospital outpatient facilities that do not have an in-network ASC or office performing these procedures within 25 miles of the hospital are excluded from this program.

Providers should check the subscriber's benefits to confirm the **in-network** site of service.

### List of Impacted Procedures Added to Medical Policy (Commercial and Minnesota Health Care Programs, effective August 2, 2021):

GI	
Procedure	CPT Codes
Upper & Lower Gastrointestinal Endoscopy	G0105, G0121

### Products Impacted

All procedures included in the XI-03 medical policy will apply to the following Blue Cross products:

- Fully and Self-Insured commercial lines of business
- Minnesota Health Care Program (MHCP) subscribers to Families and Children (formerly Prepaid Medical Assistance Program) and MinnesotaCare (MNCare).

**Reminder Regarding Medical Policy Updates & Changes:**

Medical policy changes are communicated in the Upcoming Medical Policy Notifications section of the Blue Cross Medical and Behavioral Health Policy website. The Upcoming Policies section lists new, revised, or inactivated policies approved by the Blue Cross Medical and Behavioral Health Policy Committee and are effective at minimum 45 days from the date they were posted.

To access the website:

- Go to [providers.bluecrossmn.com](http://providers.bluecrossmn.com)
- Under Tools & Resources, select “Medical Policy”, and read/accept the Blue Cross Medical Policy Statement
- Select the “+” (plus) sign next to “Medical and Behavioral Health Policies” to see the Upcoming Medical Policy Notifications section

**Questions?**

If you have questions, please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or **1-800-262-0820** for Commercial Members or **1-866-518-8448** for MHCP Members.