

PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

Provider information



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Payment transformation

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) is transitioning to a new payment system for inpatient and outpatient services across our network. Blue Cross will be converting payment to All-Patient Refined DRGs (APR-DRGs) for eligible inpatient services and Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Groups (EAPGs) for eligible outpatient services. This work began in 2012 and continues in a phased approach.

Blue Cross is committed to paying providers a fair market price for the health care services they provide. We are moving to a more transparent and less arbitrary system that pays providers based on the health needs of the individuals they treat, and the resources needed for the complexity of different visits and procedures. This system is proven to be effective in containing health care costs and has been in use in other parts of the country for the past 20 years.

As providers near their individual implementation dates, staff from the Provider Relations team will be in contact to assist with the transition.

Additional information

Information on payment transformation, including training sessions, is available on the Blue Cross website at:

bluecrossmn.com/Page/mn/en_US/payment-transformation

Questions?

If you have questions or require additional training, please email Payment_Reform@bluecrossmn.com.