

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### **Anesthesia Policy Update**

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) reimbursement policy for Anesthesia will be revised effective July 1, 2015.

The current policy found in Chapter 11 of our online Provider Policy and Procedure Manual states that Blue Cross accepts the CPT® American Society of Anesthesiologist codes (ASA), 00100-01999, for anesthesia services billed on the 837P claim format.

Effective with dates of service on or after July 1, 2015, the base unit value assigned to each anesthesia code will follow the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) base units, not ASA base units.

Please refer to the ASA Relative Value Guide and/or the CMS website for the current anesthesia base unit values.

### **Coding requirements reminder**

All coding and reimbursement is subject to changes, updates, or other requirements of coding rules and guidelines. All codes are subject to federal HIPAA rules, and in the case of medical code sets (for example, HCPCS, CPT, ICD-9-CM), only valid codes for the date of service may be submitted or accepted.

### **Questions?**

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