PROVIDER BULLETIN PROVIDER INFORMATION



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Upcoming 2015 Commercial Preventive Benefit Changes

Many Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) plans cover preventive services with no cost to the subscriber at the in-network provider level. Deductibles, cost-sharing and coinsurance may apply to out-of-network services. Some Blue Cross plans may not cover preventive services or have varying levels of coverage.

New additions to preventive care outlined at a high level are:

- Hepatitis B Virus Screening for Adults and Adolescents (men and women) effective on June 1, 2015.
 - o Existing coverage of Hepatitis B Virus Screening for pregnant women will continue.
- Aspirin for Pregnant Women ages 13-55 who are at High-Risk of Pre-Eclampsia, effective upon plan or policy years beginning **on or after October 1**, **2015**. Subscribers must have a prescription for the aspirin and must purchase the aspirin at a pharmacy or pharmacy counter.
 - o Existing aspirin coverage for men ages 45-79 and women ages 55-79 is unchanged.

These benefit changes are applicable to most Blue Cross commercial market products. Non-grandfathered groups and policies, and groups (some may be grandfathered status) who have accepted our commercial preventive care package without deviation, will include these benefits.

Government Programs and Federal Employee Program® (FEP) subscribers are excluded. Groups that use a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) other than Prime Therapeutics may have a different set of preventive benefits.

Non-preventive care received during a preventive care visit is subject to normal plan deductibles, cost-sharing and/or coinsurance.

Questions?

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

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