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Reimbursement Policy Development

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) is pleased to announce the upcoming release of individual reimbursement policy documents on the provider section of the Blue Cross website (providers.bluecrossmn.com). Currently, reimbursement procedures are described in Chapter 11 of the Blue Cross Provider Policy and Procedure Manual (PPPM). The policy title and summary will remain in the Blue Cross PPPM; however, the entry will reference the Blue Cross website for additional policy detail for your convenience. As a reminder, the policies listed in the PPPM are contractually binding as part of the overall Provider Service Agreement between Blue Cross and Providers.

Effective June 1, 2015, the individual reimbursement policy documents will be posted as a separate tab under the “Tools and Resources” section of providers.bluecrossmn.com. Development of individual detailed reimbursement policies at Blue Cross is intended to facilitate access to payment information for specific categories of service and provide supplementary guidance for appropriate claims submission. More information will be communicated as needed.

The PPPM entry will list the policy title, policy summary and refer to the Blue Cross website for policy detail.

The detailed policy format on the website will include the following information:

		Status
		Final/Archive
Section:	Xxxxx Coding Section	
Policy Number:	RP-xx-xxxxx	
Effective Date:	month/date/year	
		Policy Title
Description:		
Definitions:		
Policy:		
Documentation		
Submission:		
Coverage:		
Coding:	CPT/HCPCS Modifier:	
	ICD-9 Diagnosis:	
	ICD-10 Diagnosis:	
	ICD-9 Procedure:	
	ICD-10 Procedure:	
	HCPCS:	
	Deleted Codes:	
Policy History:	Developed [Month, date, year]	
	Most recent history:	
Cross Reference:	Policy title, number	

Coding requirements reminder

All coding and reimbursements are 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 (e.g. 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.

HCPCS stands for Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System
 CPT (Current Procedural Terminology) is a registered trademark of the American Medical Association

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