

PROVIDER BULLETIN

Provider information



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Post-operative pain block recovery request and edit removal notification

Effective January 13, 2014, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) will allow payment of post-operative pain block services when billed with procedure modifier 59, without additional medical information being requested when the claim is submitted. These claims must properly document the transition of post-operative care from the surgeon to anesthesiologist, as well as the ordering and administration of the pain block post-operatively. Claims that were previously denied for these services as incidental to another procedure will be reprocessed in a recovery effort by Blue Cross. Recovery includes all of the following criteria:

1) Procedure codes: 62310-62319, 64415-64416 and 64447-64459 that were submitted with procedure modifier 59,

And

2) Claim denials stating: "This procedure is incidental to another procedure processed on this or another claim. Because you are a participating provider, this charge is your responsibility."

And

3) Dates of service: August 5, 2013, through January 12, 2014.

There is no need to appeal the denials included in the recovery; however, if you have appealed a denial, it will not be sent back to you nor will you be notified separately. This is being done to lessen the duplication of claims reprocessing.

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 (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 toll free at **1-800-262-0820**.