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Provider information



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Medicare processing guidelines for durable medical equipment in a Skilled Nursing Facility or in a Nursing Facility

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) provide services to Medicare Beneficiaries under Medicare programs offered as SecureBlueSM (HMO SNP), Platinum BlueSM (Cost) and Blue Essentials (HMO-POS). Medicare requires Skilled Nursing Facilities and Nursing Facilities to follow the guidelines identified below when the modifier GY is submitted as a notice of non-covered service or item. Blue Cross will require this same process be followed effective November 11, 2013.

- The GY modifier must be used when physicians, practitioners, or suppliers want to indicate that the item or service is statutorily non-covered or is not a Medicare benefit.
- The GY modifier should be used with the specific, appropriate HCPCS code when one is available. In cases where there is no specific procedure code to describe services, a “not otherwise classified code” (NOC) must be used with the GY modifier.

For SecureBlue services will be processed under the Medicaid benefit if eligible.

For Platinum Blue and Blue Essentials statutorily non-covered item(s) or service will be the subscriber’s liability.

Additional information

For additional information regarding the use of the GY modifier please refer to the following Medicare websites:

medicare.gov

cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R2148CP.pdf

Questions?

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