

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

Provider information



July 23, 2012

## **Revised: Collection and handling of specimens for Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP) members and MinnesotaCare members only**

*The information in this bulletin replaces Bulletin P24-11 entitled “Collection and handling of specimens for Prepaid Medical Assistance Program members and MinnesotaCare members only” that was issued on December 21, 2011.*

Effective July 1, 2012, the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) will no longer separately reimburse for the collection of blood from a catheter (CPT 36591 and 36592), for PMAP and MinnesotaCare members. Due to this benefit change dictated by DHS, effective for dates of service July 1, 2012 and after Blue Plus will no longer reimburse for the collection of blood from a catheter (CPT 36591 and 36592), for PMAP and MinnesotaCare members.

Previously, DHS had proposed a policy change effective January 1, 2012, to no longer separately reimburse for the collection of blood (CPT 36415 and 36416) when billed in conjunction with another service for PMAP and MinnesotaCare members. This change will not be implemented by DHS or Blue Plus.

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