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Provider information



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April 2012 HCPCS code updates

In compliance with HIPAA requirements, effective with dates of service on or after April 1, 2012, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will accept the quarterly Level II (alphanumeric) HCPCS additions published by the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Added codes will be rejected if submitted with a date of service before April 1, 2012. Likewise, discontinued codes will be rejected if submitted with a date of service on or after the date indicated below.

Code list

HCPCS and CPT[®] codes are generally published only once a year; however, CMS or the American Medical Association (AMA) may publish added, revised and/or deleted codes on a quarterly basis. As a courtesy to our providers, we are publishing the added, discontinued and revised codes below.

Added codes effective with dates of service on or after April 1, 2012:

Code	Narrative
C9288	Injection, centrurnoides (scorpion) immune f(ab) ₂ (equine), 1 vial
C9289	Injection, asparaginase Erwina chrysanthemi, 1,000 international units (I.U.)
C9290	Injection, bupivacaine liposome, 1 mg
C9291	Injection, aflibercept, 2 mg vial
C9733	Non-ophthalmic fluorescent vascular angiography
S0353	Treatment planning and care coordination management for cancer initial treatment
S0354	Treatment planning and care coordination management for cancer established patient with a change of
	regimen
S0596	Phakic intraocular lens for correction of refractive error
S3721	Prostate cancer antigen 3 (PCA3) testing
S8930	Electrical stimulation of auricular acupuncture points; each 15 minutes of personal one-on-one contact with
	the patient

Discontinued codes:

Code	Narrative	Effective date
V8	Infection present	4/1/2012
V9	No infection present	4/1/2012
G0449	Annual face-to-face obesity screening, 15 minutes	11/29/2011
G0450	Screening for sexually transmitted infections, includes laboratory tests for chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis and hepatitis B	11/8/2011
S3711	Circulating tumor cell test	4/1/2012
S3713	Kras mutation analysis testing	4/1/2012
S3818	Complete gene sequence analysis; BRCA1 gene	4/1/2012
S3819	Complete gene sequence analysis; BRCA2 gene	4/1/2012
S3820	Complete BRCA1 and BRCA2 gene sequence analysis for susceptibility to breast and ovarian cancer	4/1/2012
S3822	Single mutation analysis (in individual with a known BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutation in the family) for susceptibility to breast and ovarian cancer	4/1/2012

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S3823	Three-mutation BRCA1 and BRCA2 analysis for susceptibility to breast and ovarian cancer in Ashkenazi individuals	4/1/2012
S3828	Complete gene sequence analysis; MLH1 gene	4/1/2012
S3829	Complete gene sequence analysis; MSH2 gene	4/1/2012
S3830	Complete MLH1 and MSH2 gene sequence analysis for hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC) genetic testing	4/1/2012
S3831	Single-mutation analysis (in individual with a known MLH1 and MSH2 mutation in the family) for hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC) genetic testing	4/1/2012
S3835	Complete gene sequence analysis for cystic fibrosis genetic testing	4/1/2012
S3837	Complete gene sequence analysis for hemochromatosis genetic testing	4/1/2012
S3843	DNA analysis of the F5 gene for susceptibility to factor V Leiden thrombophilia	4/1/2012
S3847	Genetic testing for Tay-Sachs disease	4/1/2012
S3848	Genetic testing for Gaucher disease	4/1/2012
S3851	Genetic testing for Canavan disease	4/1/2012
S3860	Genetic testing, comprehensive cardiac ion channel analysis, for variants in 5 major cardiac ion channel genes for individuals with high index of suspicion for familial long QT syndrome (LQTS) or related syndromes	4/1/2012
S3862	Genetic testing, family-specific ion channel analysis, for blood-relatives of individuals (index case) who have previously tested positive for a genetic variant of a cardiac ion channel syndrome using either one of the above test configurations or confirmed results from another laboratory	4/1/2012
S8049	Intraoperative radiation therapy (single administration)	4/1/2012

Revised code:

Code	Narrative	Effective date
G0446	Intensive behavioral therapy to reduce cardiovascular disease risk, individual, face-to-	1/1/2012
	face, bi-annual, 15 minutes	

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

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