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

Due to a benefit change dictated by the Minnesota Department of Human Services effective for dates of service February 3, 2012 and after Blue Plus will no longer reimburse for the collection of blood by venipuncture (CPT 36416), capillary (CPT 36415) or access port (CPT 36591 and 36592) in conjunction with another service for PMAP and MinnesotaCare members. These services (36415, 36416, 36591 and 36592) will be denied as incidental, or included in a primary service when billed in conjunction with another service.

### 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**.