

Bulletin



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October ICD-9-CM and HCPCS code updates

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the 2012 ICD-9-CM (International Classification of Diseases, ninth revision, Clinical Modification) updates. CMS published HCPCS Level II (alphanumeric) additions as well. Both code set changes are effective for dates of service October 1, 2011, and after.

Submitting

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will accept all added ICD-9-CM and HCPCS codes effective for dates of service October 1, 2011, and after. Added codes will be rejected if submitted with a date of service before October 1, 2011.

Code list

HCPCS codes are generally published only once a year; however, CMS or the American Medical Association (AMA) may publish added, revised and/or discontinued codes on a quarterly basis. The added codes effective for dates of service October 1, 2011, and after are listed below. The ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes are not available from Blue Cross. ICD-9-CM manuals are available from medical code book vendors.

Added HCPCS Codes:

C1830	Powered bone marrow biopsy needle
C1840	Lens, intraocular (telescopic)
C9286	Injection, belatacept, 1 mg

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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