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Update to Attachment B: Definition of outpatient health services categories

Included with your 2010 Institutional Provider Service Agreement (Agreement) with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota is a document entitled "Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota: Attachment B: Definition of Outpatient Health Service Categories."

As stipulated in that document, we are notifying you of new codes that have been added and to which outpatient health service category codes have been assigned. Specifically, the Agreement states: "Provider Bulletins will inform providers when new codes are released by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the American Medical Association (AMA) during the 2010 calendar year. The HCPCS codes listed are effective for dates of service July 1, 2010, and after. New codes will be added to the pertinent categories as updates are published and received. Any CPT or HCPCS codes that have not been assigned to a specific category will be attributed to the Non-emergency services Category VIII."

Please note that not all hospitals are affected by these changes. To verify if your hospital is affected, refer to your Institutional Provider Service Agreement with Blue Cross.

HCPCS			2009, 2008 and 2007
Code	Description	2010 Attachment B	Attachment B
0226T	Anoscopy, high resolution (HRA) (with magnification and chemical agent enhancement); diagnostic, including collection of specimen(s) by brushing or washing when performed	Endoscopy	Endoscopy
0227T	Anoscopy, high resolution (HRA) (with magnification and chemical agent enhancement); with biopsy(ies)	Endoscopy	Endoscopy

Added codes (effective for dates of service July 1, 2010, and after)

Provider Policy and Procedure Manual

If you believe a claim was processed in an incorrect category, follow the procedures found in Chapter 10 of the Blue Cross Provider Policy and Procedure Manual to request an appeal. To access the manual, go to **providers.bluecrossmn.com** and select "forms and publications," then "manuals."

Questions?

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

HCPCS stands for Health Care Procedure Coding System

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