

BULLETIN

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota
and Blue Plus

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April 2009 HCPCS code update

Effective with dates of service on or after April 1, 2009, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus will accept quarterly Level II (alphanumeric) HCPCS* additions published by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Submitting new codes

Blue Cross will accept all added HCPCS procedure codes for dates of service April 1, 2009 and later. Claims submitted with new procedure codes with a date of service before April 1, 2009 will be denied.

Discontinued codes

There is no grace period for discontinued codes. Claims submitted with discontinued procedure codes with a date of service April 1, 2009 or later will be denied.

Code list

HCPCS and CPT® codes are generally only published once a year; however, CMS or the American Medical Association may publish added, revised and/or deleted codes on a quarterly basis. The added and discontinued codes effective for dates of service April 1, 2009 and later are listed below.

Added Codes:

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| K0739 | Repair or nonroutine service for durable medical equipment other than oxygen requiring the skill of a technician, labor component, per 15 minutes |
| K0740 | Repair or nonroutine service for oxygen equipment requiring the skill of a technician, labor component, per 15 minutes |
| S3865 | Comprehensive gene sequence analysis for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy |
| S3866 | Genetic analysis for a specific gene mutation for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM) in an individual with a known hcm mutation in the family |
| S3870 | Comparative genomic hybridization (CGH) microarray testing for developmental delay, autism spectrum disorder and/or mental retardation |

Discontinued Code:

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| S8190 | Electronic spirometer (or microspirometer) |
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Questions?

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

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