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## Clarification of definitions

### Mid-level practitioners

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus are clarifying the definition of mid-level practitioners based on practitioner specialties. The practitioner's specialty is established based on their current state license and is appropriately determined during the credentialing process.

The following is a comprehensive current list of mid-level practitioners:

<b>Mid-level practitioners</b>
Adult nurse practitioner
Certified nurse midwife
Clinical nurse specialist
Family nurse practitioner
Gerontological nurse practitioner
Licensed practical nurse
Neonatal nurse
OB/GYN nurse practitioner
Optician
Pediatric nurse practitioner
Physician assistant
Public health agency/nurse
Registered nurse first assistant
School nurse practitioner

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### Site of service

Blue Cross is specifying for clarity the difference between a facility and a non-facility with respect to the place of service where a service was rendered. For billing purposes, professional (1500) billers should use an appropriate place of service code to indicate where services were rendered. Examples of facilities include hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers. Examples of non-facilities include a provider's office and all places **not** listed below.

The following is a current comprehensive list of facilities, as defined by Blue Cross:

<b>Place of service code</b>	<b>Place of service name</b>
21	Inpatient hospital
22	Outpatient hospital
23	Emergency room - hospital
24	Ambulatory surgical center
26	Military treatment facility
31	Skilled nursing facility
34	Hospice
41	Ambulance - land
42	Ambulance - air & water
51	Inpatient psychiatric facility
52	Psychiatric facility - partial hospitalization
53	Community mental health center
56	Psychiatric residential treatment center

### Claims

Claims will be accurately processed in accordance with these clarifications of terms.

### Questions?

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