

# PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### **Community Paramedic Services for Minnesota Health Care Programs Subscribers**

#### **Background**

Effective for dates of service beginning January 1, 2013, Minnesota Statutes Section 256B.0625, subd. 60 requires that Medical Assistance cover services provided by community paramedics certified under Minnesota Statutes Section 144R.28, subd. 9. This change is applicable to providers who serve the Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) subscribers of Blue Plus.

#### **Community paramedic services**

Services provided by a community paramedic must be part of a patient care plan that has been developed in coordination with the patient's primary physician and relevant local health care providers, and must be billed by an eligible Medical Assistance enrolled provider that employs or contracts with the community paramedic.

**For billing purposes, the ambulance's Medical Director must affiliate their individual NPI number with the contracting provider number prior to billing services.**

These services may include interventions intended to prevent avoidable ambulance transportation or hospital emergency department use, including:

- The performance of minor medical procedures
- Initial assessments within the paramedic scope of practice
- Care coordination
- Diagnosis related to patient education
- The monitoring of chronic disease management directives in accordance with educational preparation

#### **Billing community paramedic services for MHCP subscribers**

- Procedure code and modifier – T1016 U3 (one billing, services all inclusive, 15 minute increments)
  - T1016 Case management, each 15 minutes
  - U3 - service provided by certified community paramedic (EMT-CP)
- Claim submission – 837P transaction (current hospital-based ambulance providers will need to re-contract as professional to provide community paramedic services)
- Provider specialty – Professional Ambulance
- Place of service – 12 (home)
- Individual provider number – submit the ambulance's Medical Director's NPI

#### **Questions?**

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