

# PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### **2014 Adolescent and Adult Chemical Dependency/Substance Abuse Treatment Clarification**

Effective January 1, 2014, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) implemented a change to our reimbursement for adult and adolescent chemical dependency and substance abuse treatment services. This change was communicated to providers in 2013. This change impacts claims for both commercial and Minnesota Health Care Program (MHCP) subscribers.

Although Blue Cross has followed the Minnesota Uniform Companion Guide for several years, correct coding for substance abuse was not consistently submitted by all providers. With the change that was made to how providers are reimbursed, and in order to accurately apply benefits, it is imperative that the correct codes are consistently used. If incorrect HCPCS codes and/or modifier(s) are submitted, or required HCPCS codes and/or modifier(s) are missing, the services rendered will reflect zero pricing. A replacement claim with the correct HCPCS codes and/or modifier(s) will need to be submitted for the services to be reconsidered.

When billing claims for MHCP subscribers, the appropriate HCPCS codes and modifiers must be used to determine intensity level, complexities and age if appropriate. The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) has included these modifiers on their Rate Reform Grid. Per the National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) guidelines we would not expect to see HCPCS codes and modifiers on an inpatient claim; however, these codes must be included on MHCP claims in order to pay according to the DHS fee schedule.

#### **Fee schedules**

The following resources are available to obtain a current fee schedule.

For commercial plans:

Email a request to [Fee\\_Schedule\\_Allowance\\_Request@bluecrossmn.com](mailto:Fee_Schedule_Allowance_Request@bluecrossmn.com) **and** include your NPI number in your request. Your current fee schedule will be emailed to you.

For MHCP subscribers:

Access the "Rate Reform Grid with Dollar Amounts" document which is published on the DHS website.

#### **Questions?**

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