

# PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### **Clarification to independent clinical lab claim submission through BlueCard®**

*This Quick Points includes a correction to the definition of the local plan for independent clinical laboratory services from the definition that was published in Quick Points QP11-12 on September 25, 2012.*

Generally, as a health care provider, you should file claims to your local Blue plan\*. However, there are unique circumstances when claims filing directions will differ based on the type of provider and the service rendered.

#### **Claims filing instructions**

Claims for independent clinical labs must be submitted to the plan in whose service area the referring physician is located. Independent clinical labs must include the referring provider National Provider Identifier number (NPI #) when filing the claim, or the claim will be rejected.

#### **Claim denials**

All independent clinical lab claims from a referring physician that is not located in Minnesota (or a border county of Minnesota) that are submitted to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will be rejected and displayed on your 277CA acknowledgement report. Independent clinical lab claims must be billed to the Blue Cross plan in whose service area the referring physician is located.

#### **Exceptions**

Medicare Crossover claims and claims for Federal Employee Program® (FEP) members are excluded from these billing requirements.

#### **Questions?**

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

\* Each Blue plan is an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association