

PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

Provider information



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EquiClaim to perform DRG and hospital chart audits on facility claims

In accordance with the provisions of your provider agreement, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) has the right to conduct audits. Blue Cross has contracted with EquiClaim to perform coding compliance reviews of claims received and processed from participating hospitals. Below are details regarding the audit process:

- DRG audit services ensure that the diagnosis and procedure codes that generate the DRG, and therefore, the hospital payment, are accurate, valid and sequenced in accordance with Official AHA Coding Guidelines and ICD-9-CM coding rules and conventions.
- Hospital chart audits focus on claims paid on a billed charge or a percent of billed charge basis. The audit ensures accurate payment through a clinical review of medical records, physician orders and nursing notes which will then be reconciled to the itemized bill.
- EquiClaim uses a proprietary pre-audit screening application to identify specific cases to audit.

Medical record request process

- EquiClaim will request copies of the patient medical record or schedule an on-site review.
- All requested information is kept confidential.
- Any questions should be directed to the EquiClaim contact indicated on the patient medical record request.