

Quick Points



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Correct billing of ambulance mileage for Medicare Advantage plans

This Quick Points applies to ambulance services to members of the following products:

- CareBlueSM (HMO SNP)
- MedicareBlueSM PPO (Regional PPO)
- Platinum BlueSM (Cost)
- PMAP/MinnesotaCare
- SecureBlueSM (HMO SNP)

Mileage submitted on ambulance claims

Although Medicare instituted a new procedure effective January 1, 2011, for reporting fractional mileage units on ambulance claims, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will not require fractional mileage submissions at this time. Therefore, in order to simplify claim submission to Blue Cross, continue to submit total miles, rounded up to the nearest whole mile, including trips of less than one whole mile for CareBlue, MedicareBlue PPO, Platinum Blue, PMAP/MinnesotaCare and SecureBlue members.

References

Medicare Claims Processing Manual Pub.100-04, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, chapter 15, §§30.1.2 and 30.2.1.

Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Pub.100-04 chapter 26, §10.4.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or **1-800-262-0820**. For questions on MedicareBlue, please call **1-888-457-3009**. TTY/TDD users should call **1-888-457-3005**.