

Quick Points



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Radiology services for chiropractors

On January 29, 2010, Provider Bulletin P5-10 entitled, “Radiology coverage change for chiropractors” was issued highlighting policy changes for radiology claims submitted by chiropractors and received by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) on or after May 1, 2010. The following information is being provided to help clarify this policy.

Blue Cross will no longer reimburse for many imaging services when billed by a chiropractor. This policy applies to all High Tech Diagnostic Imaging (HTDI) procedures, including CT Scans and MRI services, in addition to the procedures documented in Provider Bulletin P5-10. This change will allow Blue Cross to better manage these high-cost radiology services. These claims will be denied as provider liability.

Blue Cross will continue to allow chiropractors to order medically necessary radiology services, as permitted by the provider’s scope of practice. In instances where HTDI is ordered, chiropractors should direct patients to designated HTDI providers. For additional information on HTDI requirements, and a list of HTDI providers and procedures, reference the Blue Cross website at providers.bluecrossmn.com and select High Tech Diagnostic Imaging under Tools & Resources.

Services billed for consultation on X-ray exams performed elsewhere (CPT 76140) will not be payable, as Blue Cross already reimburses for both the professional and technical component of most radiology services. Re-interpretation of a film is a duplication of these other components.

Blue Cross will continue to allow chiropractors to perform, bill and be reimbursed for most traditional X-ray films based on the member’s benefits.

Questions?

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