

Quick Points



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Administrative Simplification claims enhancements effective July 15

Minnesota statute 62J.536, requires providers to submit all claims electronically using uniform coding rules beginning July 15, 2009. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus will be making several system enhancements to be effective on this date. This communication intends to educate providers on the changes Blue Cross will implement.

Pre-system edits

Blue Cross has upgraded our pre-system edits to align with the rules published in the Uniform Claims Companion Guides found on the Administrative Uniformity Committee website at www.health.state.mn.us/auc. As a result of these changes you will see submissions that previously denied on the PA02 electronic report will now be accepted for adjudication. In addition, you may see some new denial messages on the PA02 report as a result of new edits called for within the Uniform Companion Guides.

Claims with Attachments

Blue Cross will begin accepting claims with attachments electronically on July 15, 2009. The claim should adhere to the electronic rules found in the Uniform Companion Guides and include the appropriate populated data as indicated in section 4.2.3.4 of the Guides. The related attachment should be faxed to Blue Cross at **1-800-793-6928** or mailed to P.O. Box 64338, St. Paul, MN 55164-0338. The attachment cover sheet found on the AUC website must be used on each claim attachment. Instructions for completing the attachment cover sheet are also available on the AUC website.

Claims with Coordination of Benefits

Blue Cross will accept electronic claims with previous payer payment information populated per the requirements in the Minnesota Uniform Companion Guides beginning July 15, 2009. The claims must contain all previous payer group codes, ANSI Adjustment Reason Codes and Remittance Advice Remark Codes as you received them from the previous payer for proper adjudication. These claims will not require an attachment when populated within the claim record. Refer to the Minnesota Uniform Companion Guides, section 4.2.3.5 for more information.

Medicare/Uniform Companion Guide coding alignment

Blue Cross has made several system modifications to accept claims coded using the rules indicated by either Medicare or the Minnesota Uniform Companion Guides, Appendix A. Some billed charges still may not be covered due to member benefits or Blue Cross payment policy. Please begin coding your claims to meet the specifications set forth in the Minnesota Uniform Companion Guides beginning on July 15, 2009.

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Questions?

Questions regarding the content of the PA02 electronic reports should be directed to provider service at **(651) 662-5200** or **1-800-262-0820**. Questions regarding the PA02 electronic reports not being received should be directed to your clearinghouse. If your clearinghouse is ClearConnect call **651-662-5742** or **1-866-251-6742**.

For questions regarding the attachment requirements, attachment cover sheet and related instructions, Coordination of Benefits, or coding requirements, please refer to the AUC website at **www.health.state.mn.us/auc**.