



QUICK POINTS

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota
and Blue Plus

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Clarification to Nursing Home Communication Form and additional information for Intensive Service Days

Nursing Home Communication Form

Previously, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus mailed Quick Point 4-08 to inform nursing facility providers that effective September 1, 2008, they would no longer be required to fax the Nursing Home Communication Form to Blue Plus, CareBlue members and the South Country Health Alliance (SCHA) products SeniorCare Complete and AbilityCare. This communication is to further clarify that information. The Nursing Home Communication Form will no longer be required for dates of service beginning September 1, 2008. For services provided before September 1, 2008, a Nursing Home Communication Form is required.

PMAP communication form process remains unchanged

The current requirement for Blue Advantage (PMAP) members and SCHA (PMAP) products will remain in place. The PMAP Communication Form must be faxed to **(651) 662-6054** before claims are submitted.

Intensive Service Days

This communication is also to inform nursing facility providers of expanded availability of payment for Intensive Service Days and new billing instructions for those services.

Effective for dates of service September 1, 2008 and after, nursing facility providers should bill Intensive Service Days (ISD) with **revenue code 0230**. Intensive Service Days were previously billed with revenue code 0199. The revenue code 0230 more accurately reflects the services billed and is in compliance with the Minnesota Uniform Companion Institutional Guide.

Also effective September 1, 2008, providers will be able to request prior authorization and, if approved, receive reimbursement for Intensive Service Days for a resident who is in skilled or custodial care. ISDs can be considered regardless of whether Blue Plus or the Department of Human Services (DHS) is responsible for the payment of the custodial stay.

If DHS is responsible for the custodial room and board, the nursing facility should prior authorize the ISD and then bill to Blue Plus only the revenue code 0230 for the ISD services provided.

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If Blue Plus is responsible for the custodial room and board, the nursing facility should prior authorize the ISD and then bill the revenue code 0230 for the ISD services along with normal billing procedures for the custodial room and board.

Questions?

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