

# PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### **New Operating System – Anesthesia Related Procedure Submission**

On November 1, 2015, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) will begin migrating subscribers from our legacy operating system to our new operating system. Subscriber migration will continue over the next few years with the goal of having all subscribers migrated to the new operating system by the end of 2018.

Subscribers who have migrated to the new operating system can be identified by a group number that is eight digits with no alpha character or dashes (an example is: 10051080). Subscribers who have not migrated to the new operating system will have a seven character group number consisting of alpha and numerical characters and a dash (an example is: AP009-HS).

An “Anesthesia Related Procedure” is the surgical procedure for which anesthesia is being provided. The “Anesthesia Related Procedure” is reported in HIPAA 837 Professional Transaction in the Loop 2300, segment HI. The HIPAA Implementation Guide indicates that this segment is required when anesthesiology services are billed if the provider knows the surgical code and knows that the adjudication of the claim will depend on the surgical procedure code. Blue Cross has not previously validated this segment when submitted on claims for anesthesia services.

In the new operating system, if claims for anesthesia services are submitted with a procedure code in this segment, the code must be a valid surgical procedure code. If the submitted surgical procedure code is not a valid code or the surgical procedure code is not valid for the date of service, the claim will not be accepted into the adjudication system. An anesthesia procedure code in this segment will not be accepted.

For additional information about submitting the “Anesthesia Related Procedure”, please refer to “*ASC X12/005010X222A1 Health Care Claim: Professional (837)* (Copyright © 2008, Data Interchange Standards Association on behalf of ASC X12. Format © 2008, ASC X12. All Rights Reserved)”.

#### **Questions?**

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