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Place of Service 53 will be Changed to a Facility Place of Service

Effective for dates of service on and after June 1, 2016, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will be updating the list of places of service that are defined as a facility place of service to include place of service 53. This change does not impact the claim format used (837P or 837I) for submitting claims and this change will only impact professional claims billed with the revised Facility Places of Service Code 53.

This change is supported by the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 12-Physicians/Nonphysician Practitioners, 20.4.2 – Site of Service Payment Differential*, wherein it states that professional claims billed with place of service 53 receive the Facility Payment Rate.

Place of service 53 is defined as a Community Mental Health Center, which per the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is “a facility that provides the following services: outpatient services, including specialized outpatient services for children, the elderly, individuals who are chronically ill, and residents of the CMHC's mental health services area who have been discharged from inpatient treatment at a mental health facility; 24 hour a day emergency care services; day treatment, other partial hospitalization services, or psychosocial rehabilitation services; screening for patients being considered for admission to State mental health facilities to determine the appropriateness of such admission; and consultation and education services.”

It is expected that when a professional claim is submitted with place of service 53, that a facility claim will also be submitted for the same services. If a facility claim will not be submitted in addition to the professional claim, a non-facility place of service (for example, Office - place of service 11) would be expected on the professional claim.

Submitting a claim with a facility place of service rather than an office place of service may impact member benefits.

Questions?

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