

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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Revised: Update to Billing Guidelines for Reference and Outside Lab Services for Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) Subscribers

The information in this Bulletin replaces Provider Bulletin P26-16, which was published on June 7, 2016. The reason for this revision is to clarify that the information also impacts Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+) subscribers and that the information only applies to professional providers.

Effective for dates of service on and after August 1, 2016, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will follow MHCP billing guidelines for laboratory (lab) tests sent to an outside lab for completion. This only impacts professional providers. Institutional (facility) providers are excluded.

This change is effective for all Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP), Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MCS+) and MinnesotaCare subscribers.

Blue Cross will no longer reimburse providers for lab tests that are sent to an outside lab. Claims containing lab tests submitted with modifier 90, indicating the specimen was sent to an outside lab, will be denied as provider liability. Providers should not include lab services they did not perform on their claim.

Products Impacted:

PMAP, MSC+ and MinnesotaCare.

Questions?

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