

# PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### **Digital Breast Tomosynthesis (DBT) for Routine Breast Cancer Screening**

The purpose of this Quick Point is to clarify that the position of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) on Digital Breast Tomosynthesis remains unchanged and to provide background on our stance. On October 19, 2015, Blue Cross inactivated medical policy “V-25 Digital Breast Tomosynthesis (DBT).”

Based upon recommendations from the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) and the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (BCBSA), Blue Cross is not adding DBT to the standard commercial preventive breast cancer screening benefit. Furthermore, DBT is not required to be covered as a preventive benefit under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

We will continue to monitor and evaluate the clinical evidence around DBT; if there are studies proving the effectiveness for routine screening we will re-evaluate our coverage position. If ACA legislation is updated to require coverage of DBT at a preventive level of benefit, Blue Cross will comply with the regulation.

Coverage of DBT for Medicare and Federal Employee Program (FEP) subscribers is unchanged.

#### **Questions?**

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