

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### Added Reimbursement Policies

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) has developed two additional Reimbursement Policies. These policies have an effective date of March 13, 2017. They are available under the provider section of the Blue Cross website ([providers.bluecrossmn.com](http://providers.bluecrossmn.com)).

The new policies are:

- **Evaluation and Management: Prolonged Detention or Critical Care**  
This policy is designed to address prolonged detention or critical care which is a specific service requiring the continuous presence of the doctor in the immediate vicinity of the patient while providing a service which only he or she can provide.
- **General Coding: Hemodialysis/Peritoneal Dialysis**  
This policy is designed to address two types of dialysis commonly in use – hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis.

### Coding requirements reminder

All coding and reimbursements are subject to changes, updates, or other requirements of coding rules and guidelines. All codes are subject to federal HIPAA rules, and in the case of medical code sets (e.g. HCPCS, CPT, ICD), only valid codes for the date of service may be submitted or accepted.

### Questions?

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

HCPCS stands for Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System

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