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New Facility Reimbursement Policy for Incremental Nursing

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) is implementing a new reimbursement policy on Incremental Nursing. The effective date of this policy is February 1, 2018. The policy will be available for review on the Blue Cross website at providers.bluecrossmn.com under Tools and Resources in the Reimbursement Policies, Facility section.

This policy defines incremental nursing which is billed on an institutional 837I transaction.

Incremental Nursing Charge revenue codes include:

- 0230 General Classification
- 0231 Nursery
- 0232 OB
- 0233 ICU
- 0234 CCU
- 0235 Hospice
- 0239 Other

On 837I transactions, incremental nursing charge revenue codes (023x) will be reimbursed in addition to normal nursing charges included in the room and board revenue codes, when the doctor's orders clearly state the need for one-to-one nursing care to be utilized. Documentation must support the need for extraordinary services.

Incremental nursing service claims with the 023x revenue codes will be reviewed post-payment and are subject to recovery if the policy guidelines are not followed.

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**.

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