

# PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### **Effective January 1, 2018 FEP Standard Option Subscriber SNF Benefit**

Due to an increase in provider questions regarding Federal Employee Program (FEP) subscribers Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) coverage Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) is publishing the following information to help clarify the benefit for providers.

Effective January 1, 2018, FEP Standard Option subscribers (ID cards indicate enrollment codes 104, 105 and 106) are eligible for SNF coverage if they meet the criteria listed below, regardless of whether they are enrolled in Medicare Part A.

FEP subscribers without Medicare Part A coverage, or with Secondary Medicare Part A coverage are eligible for SNF benefits (maximum of 30 days annually), if all the following criteria is met:

- Subscriber must be enrolled in the FEP Standard Option Plan
- Prior to admission to the SNF, the provider must obtain precertification
- Subscriber must enroll in Case Management prior to the SNF stay

Only FEP subscribers with Medicare Part A were eligible for a SNF benefit prior to January 1, 2018.

To initiate the process, contact FEP Customer Service at **(651) 662-5044** or **1-800-859-2128**. A Representative or Case Manager will explain the program to help determine whether the FEP subscriber is eligible for SNF benefits. Current clinical information is required for precertification. Failure to obtain precertification will result in SNF benefit denial.

No minimum hospital stay is required prior to being eligible for the SNF benefit for subscribers that do not have Medicare Part A, or when Medicare Part A is secondary.

Case Management involves continued coordination of care beyond the acute hospital stay. The goal is to ensure subscribers and their family are involved in decisions regarding care. A Case Management Agreement must be signed by the subscriber (or subscriber representative) prior to admission to SNF.

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