

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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Updated Laboratory Services: General Guide Reimbursement Policy

Revision: As of December 1, 2022, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota has made the decision to not update the “Lab/Path Services 005 - Laboratory Services – General Guidelines” reimbursement policy. See [P43R1-22 REVISED Updated Laboratory Services: General Guide Reimbursement Policy](#) for further information.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) is publishing a revision to the reimbursement policy titled **Lab/Path Services 005 – Laboratory Services – General Guides** effective October 1, 2022.

The revision to the policy indicates that Blue Cross will no longer allow providers to bill for labs with a -90 modifier if the lab specimen is sent to an independent laboratory for processing.

Lab services billed with a -90 modifier by a provider specialty other than an independent laboratory will be denied as provider liability for dates of service beginning October 1, 2022.

Products Impacted

- All commercial products
- Medicare Advantage
- Federal Employee Program (FEP)

Questions?

Please contact provider services at **651-662-5200** or **1-800-262-0820**.