

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### **New Reimbursement Policy: Wrong Surgical and Other Invasive Procedures**

Effective December 1, 2022, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) is publishing a new reimbursement policy, **Surgery/Interventional Procedure – 022: Wrong Surgical and Other Invasive Procedures**. The new policy states that services associated with a wrong surgical or other invasive procedure will not be reimbursed when reported on either an institutional or professional claim.

A wrong surgical or other invasive procedure is defined as:

- A different procedure altogether.
- The correct procedure but on the wrong body part; or
- The correct procedure but on the wrong patient.

In addition, Blue Cross will not reimburse the following related services:

- All services provided in the operating room that are related to the error.
- All providers in the operating room when the error occurs, who could bill individually for their services.
- All related services provided during the same hospitalization in which the error occurred.

#### **Products Impacted**

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

#### **Questions?**

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