

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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New Coding Edits in Availity Essentials

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) will be implementing coding edits in Availity Essentials that will impact claims submitted on or after May 3, 2023. These coding edits currently result in claim denials and appeals. Beginning May 3, 2023, the claims will reject prior to entering the Blue Cross claims system. Providers must correct and resubmit the claims appropriately.

The following edits will be implemented:

- Inappropriate Diagnosis Combination - this edit identifies ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes that are mutually exclusive and cannot be reported together by the same provider on the same claim.
- Inappropriate Diagnosis Code(s) on Maternal Claim – this edit identifies when a newborn delivery diagnosis code is reported on a maternal claim.
- Inappropriate Modifier Combination – this edit identifies CPT® and/or HCPCS modifier combinations that are inappropriate when submitted together on the same claim line.
- Inappropriate Modifier to Diagnosis – this edit identifies inappropriate modifier to diagnosis combinations.
- Not a Primary Diagnosis Code – this edit identifies ICD-10 diagnosis codes that are not allowed for reporting alone or as a primary diagnosis (i.e., sequenced first).
- ICD-10-CM Primary Diagnosis Only - this edit identifies ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes that may only be reported as the principal/first-listed diagnosis.
- Unspecified ICD-10-CM Code(s) With an Equivalent Right/Left Code – this edit identifies when ICD-10-CM codes(s) reported on the claim line define an unspecified ICD-10-CM diagnosis code which has an equivalent code for laterality (right or left).
- Medicare Facility Only Modifiers - The edit identifies claim lines that include modifier 73 or 74 submitted on a professional claim (excluding ambulatory surgery centers) as these modifiers are used by the facility to indicate that a procedure was terminated.

Blue Cross will reach out to providers with a significant number of claims that may be impacted prior to the implementation of these edits to assist in understanding the edits and to reduce the volume of future rejected claims.

Lines of Business Impacted

Commercial and Medicare

Questions?

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