

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### Diagnosis Coding Edits in Availity Essentials for Acute Stroke and Myocardial Infarction

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 August 2, 2023. These coding edits are related to the submission of claims with an acute stroke or myocardial infarction diagnosis in an office place of service (place of service 11). The edits are being implemented to reduce incorrect diagnosis coding that currently results in medical record requests from the Blue Cross Risk Management Program.

If a claim is submitted with an acute stroke diagnosis with an office place of service (place of service 11), the claim will be rejected with the message: *The claim was denied because it was billed with an acute stroke diagnosis in POS 11. This diagnosis code is reserved for the initial (first) episode of care for the acute stroke/cerebrovascular accident.* The claim will not be accepted for processing and providers must correct and resubmit the claim.

If a claim is submitted with a myocardial infarction diagnosis with an office place of service (place of service 11), the claim will be accepted and processed; however, a message will be returned stating: *The claim has been submitted with an acute myocardial infarction diagnosis in POS 11. Per ICD 10 guidelines, this diagnosis code can only be reported 4 weeks (28 days) or less from onset. If the myocardial infarction occurred more than 4 weeks ago, the appropriate aftercare or history code should be assigned.* Providers that receive this message should review medical records to determine if the appropriate diagnosis was submitted. Correcting the diagnosis code will require the submission of a replacement claim once the claim has been remitted.

#### Lines of Business Impacted

Commercial and Medicare

#### Questions?

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