

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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Change in Calculation of Allowance for Time-Based Anesthesia Codes

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) will update the calculation methodology of time-based anesthesia for claims submitted on and after January 19, 2024.

Currently, the methodology for calculating commercial time-based anesthesia codes is dividing the units (minutes) by 15 and rounding to the higher whole number prior to applying the conversion factor.

Blue Cross will be aligning with the Medicare methodology beginning January 19, 2024, and updating the calculation to divide the units (minutes) by 15 and rounding to the nearest tenth prior to applying the conversion factor.

Products Impacted

Commercial, including FEP.

Questions?

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