

# PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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## Reimbursement Policies and Coding for Durable Medical Equipment & Supplies

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) has developed reimbursement policies that provide coding and reimbursement requirements for healthcare services, when submitting claims for durable medical equipment and supplies. These policies should be reviewed regularly to ensure appropriate coding is being submitted on eligible claims.

The reimbursement policies are separated by line of business (Commercial, Medicaid or Medicare). If there is not a policy for a specific line of business refer to the following sources:

- Medicaid: Refer to [Minnesota Health Care Program \(MHCP\) Provider Manual](#) for guidance.
- Medicare: Refer to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ([CMS](#)) for guidance.

Additional reimbursement policies that may apply can be found in the General Coding section of the reimbursement policies, such as Unlisted Procedure Codes.

### PDAC - Durable Medical Equipment Coding System (DMECS)

Please refer to the [Durable Medical Equipment Coding System \(DMECS\)](#) website to ensure the appropriate code is being used; **this includes reviewing the Product Classification List to verify that the correct coding, assigned to specific products, is being used.** DME suppliers, and others who bill DME or supply items, must use the appropriate Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code describing the item. The Pricing, Data Analysis and Coding (PDAC) assists suppliers and manufacturers in the proper use of the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS).

Coding and reimbursement processes are subject to all terms of the Provider Service Agreement as well as changes, updates and other requirements of coding rules and guidelines. All codes are also subject to federal HIPAA rules, and in the case of medical code sets (HCPCS, CPT, ICD-10-CM), only codes valid for the date of service will be accepted. These policies are superseded by benefits and/or by state or federal requirements.

Eligible services will be subject to the subscriber benefits, applicable fee schedule amount, and any coding edits. Inclusion or exclusion of a code does not constitute or imply subscriber coverage or provider reimbursement.

**Blue Cross Reimbursement Policies are housed in the following location on the Blue Cross website:**

<https://www.bluecrossmn.com/providers/reimbursement-policies>

### Products Impacted

- Commercial
- Medicare
- Minnesota Health Care Programs

### Questions?

For questions regarding MHCP subscribers, please contact MHCP Provider Services at **651-662-9962** or **1-866-518-8448**. For all other lines of business, please contact Provider Services at **651-662-5200** or **1-800-262-0820**.

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