

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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Lab Pass-Through Billing for Medicare Lines of Business

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) will no longer allow pass-through billing of labs for Medicare lines of business for dates of service beginning December 1, 2024.

Blue Cross will not reimburse providers for lab tests that are ordered and sent to an outside lab. This is referred to as pass-through billing. Providers should not include lab services they did not perform on their claim.

Lab services must be billed by the performing laboratory. The only exception is the use of modifier -90 when an independent laboratory sends a specimen to another laboratory when they are unable to perform the requested service. Claims will be identified on a post pay basis and adjusted to recoup the reimbursement.

Products Impacted

Medicare Advantage and Platinum Blue (Medicare Cost)

Questions?

Please contact Provider Services at **651-662-5200** or **1-800-262-0820**.