

For physician offices

The latest COVID-19 provider information

Reminder: Billing for COVID-19 testing

See the December 2020 issue of *The Record* or the upcoming issue of the January–February 2021 *BCN Provider News*.

Coverage decisions announced for additional COVID-19 testing codes

See the upcoming issue of the January–February 2021 *BCN Provider News*.

Additional COVID-19 provider communications can be found here:

- *Coronavirus (COVID-19) information updates for providers* webpage located within *BCBSM Newsletters and Resources* or *BCN Provider Publications and Resources* on web-DENIS
 - [bcbsm.com/coronavirus](https://www.bcbsm.com/coronavirus)
- Click on *Health Care Providers*

We're here for you — virtually

Although we've been unable to meet with you in person for the last several months, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network's provider consultants continue to work hard to assist health care providers virtually.

Our consultants are available to help meet your education and training needs, and to help clarify medical policy and contract information. We encourage you to use our self-service tools and Provider Inquiry when you need help with claims. When your issue still isn't resolved, contact your consultant and provide the number given to you by the Provider Inquiry representative.

For more information, see the [December 2020 issue of *The Record*](#) or the upcoming issue of the January–February 2021 *BCN Provider News*.

Summary of upcoming changes effective Jan. 1, 2021

Reminder: Providers must submit authorization requests to TurningPoint for musculoskeletal procedures for most members

See the November 2020 issue of *The Record* and the upcoming January–February 2021 issue of *BCN Provider News*.

Blue Cross doesn't reimburse for drugs that are experimental, starting in January

See the January–February 2021 issue of *BCN Provider News*.

Medicare Part B medical specialty drug prior authorization list changing in January 2021

See the November 2020 issue of *The Record* and the upcoming January–February 2021 issue of *BCN Provider News*.

We'll change how we cover some drugs, starting Jan. 1

See Page 34 of the November–December 2020 *BCN Provider News* or the November 2020 issue of *The Record*.

BCN Blue Elect Plus POS plan will offer coverage to out-of-state subscribers

See Page 5 of the November–December 2020 *BCN Provider News*.

Blue Care Network member handbook goes online in January

See Page 7 of the November–December 2020 *BCN Provider News*.

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New clinical editing resource helps you correct billing errors

We've posted a new billing tips resource, titled *Clinical Edits: What You Need to Do and What Documentation is Needed*, in the Provider Secured Services area of bcbsm.com. For more information, see the December 2020 issue of *The Record* or the upcoming issue of the January–February 2021 *BCN Provider News*.

Meijer to move to EPO network arrangement and offer a Blue HPNSM option PPO

Starting Jan. 1, 2021, all plans for Meijer members (group number 72625) will move to an exclusive provider organization, or EPO, network arrangement. In addition, Meijer is offering the Blue High Performance Network, or Blue HPN, option to its members. You'll know if your patient has a Blue HPN plan by their Blue Cross ID card or when you check eligibility in web-DENIS. For more information, see the December 2020 issue of *The Record*.

Update on direct reimbursement to athletic trainers

Athletic trainers can receive direct reimbursement for physical medicine services for Blue Cross and BCN commercial members on or after Jan. 1, 2021. However, the scope of this reimbursement program has changed – *athletic trainers can't be reimbursed for physical medicine services for BCN Advantage members*. For more information, see the December 2020 issue of *The Record*.

Holiday office closings

Blue Cross and BCN offices will be closed Dec. 24 through 25 (Christmas) and Dec. 31 through Jan. 1.

Summary of upcoming changes, cont.

Blue Distinction Centers for Substance Use Treatment and Recovery: the newest BDC designation

See Page 23 of the November–December 2020 *BCN Provider News*.

Northwood has contracted with Blue Cross to handle DMEPOS services for fully insured commercial PPO customers effective Jan. 1, 2021 PPO

See the upcoming January 2021 issue of *The Record*.

Rx updates

Prior authorization requests for outpatient CAR-T therapy drugs for Medicare Advantage members MA HMO MA PPO

See the December 2020 issue of *The Record* and the upcoming January–February 2021 issue of *BCN Provider News*.

We'll add more vaccines to pharmacy benefit for commercial members HMO PPO

See the December 2020 issue of *The Record* and the upcoming January–February 2021 issue of *BCN Provider News*.

Skyrizi and Tegsedi covered under pharmacy benefit for Blue Cross and BCN commercial members HMO PPO

See the December 2020 issue of *The Record* and the upcoming January–February 2021 issue of *BCN Provider News*.

We'll no longer cover Cosentyx for commercial members, starting Jan. 1, 2021 HMO PPO

See the December 2020 issue of *The Record*.

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