

Blues Brief



For hospitals and facilities

The latest COVID-19 provider information

You can help Michigan reach COVID-19 vaccination benchmarks

See Page 3 of the July–August 2021 *BCN Provider News* or the June 2021 issue of *The Record*.

Don't balance bill members for claim denials for *99072

See the [May 14 web-DENIS message](#).
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COVID-19 patient testing recommendations for physicians document updated

Medicare 2% sequestration moratorium extended to Dec. 31, 2021 MA HMO MA PPO

See Page 6 of the July–August 2021 *BCN Provider News* or the June 2021 issue of *The Record*.

Distribution, coverage, billing and reporting guidelines for authorized COVID-19 vaccines can be found in the [COVID-19 vaccine information for providers](#) document.

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
Click on *Health Care Providers*

Reminder: eviCore will no longer mail *Practice Profile* summaries and category information for outpatient PT services starting in July PPO

Beginning with July 2021 data, eviCore will no longer mail paper copies of the *Practice Profile Summary*, which includes information about your assigned category, to health care providers. Instead, eviCore will post category updates on the first business day of February and August each year beginning Aug. 2, 2021. Read more in the [June 2021 issue of *The Record*](#).

CareCentrix to manage MA HMO MA PPO authorizations for home health care for Medicare Advantage members

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network have contracted with CareCentrix® to manage the authorization of home health care for Medicare Advantage members.

For episodes of care starting on or after June 1, 2021, providers will need to request prior authorization from CareCentrix for Medicare Plus BlueSM and BCN AdvantageSM members. For more information, see [Page 17 of the May–June 2021 *BCN Provider News*](#) or the May 2021 issue of *The Record*.

RC Claim Assist update

Starting May 1, 2021, you must go through Provider Secured Services to access RC Claim Assist. For more information, see [Page 32 of the May–June 2021 *BCN Provider News*](#) or the May 2021 issue of *The Record*.

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Holiday office closings

Blue Cross and BCN offices will be closed Monday, July 5 (Independence Day).

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Revised Participating Hospital Agreement takes effect July 1

The Health Care Delivery Committee, a committee of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Board of Directors, approved the Third Amended and Restated Participating Hospital Agreement earlier this year. A copy of the new PHA was sent to all participating hospitals and becomes effective on the first day of the participating hospitals' fiscal year, beginning on or after July 1, 2021. For more details, see the [June 2021 issue of *The Record*](#).

Starting in August, Michigan outpatient facilities must bill NDCs with NOCs or commercial claims will reject

Starting Aug. 1, 2021, when outpatient facilities bill for drugs for Blue Cross commercial members on an outpatient claim with a HCPCS code that has a not otherwise classified code, they must also include the National Drug Code. HCPCS codes for NOC drugs billed without this information will be rejected. For more details, see [Page 18 of the July–August 2021 BCN Provider News](#) or the [May 2021 issue of *The Record*](#).

Qualified providers invited to apply for designation in BDC Substance Use Treatment program

Qualified facility providers are urged to apply for national designation as a Blue Distinction® Center for Substance Use Treatment and Recovery. This is the newest BDC designation. It recognizes providers that have demonstrated expertise in delivering quality specialty care in this area safely, effectively and cost efficiently. For more information, see [Page 1 of the May–June 2021 BCN Provider News](#) or the [May 2021 issue of *The Record*](#).

Here are requirements for submitting Flexible Benefit Option and SNF admission requests for FEP members

Before we can process Flexible Benefit Option requests for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Federal Employee Program® Service Benefit Plan members, including those for skilled nursing facility admissions or extensions, Blue Cross must receive a member-signed Alternative Benefit Agreement and a verbal or signed consent for Blue Cross Coordinated Care.

To learn more about the Flexible Benefit Option and how to submit a request, see the [June 2021 issue of *The Record*](#).

Save time: Don't fax unnecessary information about inpatient stays





We're receiving faxes related to inpatient stays from hospital utilization review departments and most of these faxes aren't required. To help you save time and get the information to the right place, see the type of information and how to send it in the [on Page 40 of the May–June 2021 BCN Provider News](#) or the [May 2021 issue of *The Record*](#).

Rx updates

For the latest in pharmacy update news, please see the following sources:

- News items on ereferrals.bcbsm.com
- web-DENIS broadcast messages
- Pharmacy News section of the *BCN Provider News*
- *The Record*
- *Hospital and Physician Update*

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