

Blues Brief

For physician offices



Changes for in-lab sleep studies start Oct. 9 MA HMO MA PPO

Prior authorization requirements for in-lab sleep studies will change for dates of service on or after Oct. 9, 2023. Read more:

- Page 32 of the September–October 2023 BCN Provider News
- August 2023 issue of *The Record*

Accurate billing and coding reminders

To ensure accurate coding and billing, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan offers reminders about laser treatments for psoriasis and anesthesia medication modifiers. Read more: [October 2023 issue of The Record](#)

Health e-BlueSM data entry deadlines announced

The deadline for entering data in Health e-Blue for 2023 gaps in care is midnight Jan. 20, 2024. Data entered after this deadline won't count for 2023 incentives. The deadline for submitting electronic medical record files is Jan. 26, 2024. The deadline for submitting Physician Payer Quality Collaborative files is Dec. 31, 2023.

Resources for prenatal care, well-child visits and childhood immunizations

Early prenatal care, regular well-child visits and routine immunizations support a healthy pregnancy and healthy start to a child's life. Read more: [October 2023 issue of The Record](#)

Select Medicare Advantage members received in-home test kits in September MA HMO MA PPO

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network contracted with Everlywell, an independent company, to distribute in-home test kits in September to select Medicare Advantage members. Read more:

- Page 10 of the September–October 2023 BCN Provider News
- October 2023 issue of *The Record*

Medicare Plus BlueSM PPO Provider Manual update coming in October MA PPO

Blue Cross is updating the *Medicare Plus BlueSM PPO Provider Manual* with key information including in-lab sleep studies prior authorization changes and submitting electronic claims. Read more: [August 31, 2023, provider alert](#)

Reminder: Clinical editing billing tips available HMO MA HMO

In most issues of BCN Provider News, we publish clinical editing billing tips. This helps ensure that BCN pays your claims accurately and that the performed procedure is correctly reported to us. Read more: [Page 30 of the September–October 2023 BCN Provider News](#)

Starting Jan. 1, new cancer support program will be available for some commercial members HMO PPO

Blue Cross and BCN are working with OncoHealth[®] to provide a cancer support program for adult members who have a cancer diagnosis or who are cancer survivors. Read more: [October 2023 issue of The Record](#)

OncoHealth is an independent company supporting Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network by providing cancer support services.

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Look for status note in e-referral system when we pend prior authorization requests for some services

In the Blue Cross and BCN e-referral system, we're adding a status note to let health care providers know when we've pended prior authorization requests for initial admissions to and extensions of stays in:

- Acute (non-behavioral health) inpatient hospitals
- Skilled nursing facilities, acute inpatient rehabilitation facilities and long-term acute care hospitals — for commercial members only.

We have updated the *e-referral User Guide* (dated September 2023) to reflect this change.
Read more: [October 2023 issue of The Record](#)

How to use and find something in the provider manuals

Helpful documents are available for providers needing instruction on how to use or find something within our manuals. You can find the following documents on the *Provider Resources* page of our provider portal, *Availity Essentials*. Choose *Manuals* under the *Publications* drop-down menu (or *Provider manuals* under *Easy Access*) then look under each provider manual to find:

- *About the BCN Provider Manual*
- *BCN Provider Manual* — Entire Manual for Searching
- *About the Blue Cross Commercial Provider Manual*
- *Blue Cross Commercial Provider Manual* — Entire Manual for Searching

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Rx updates

Next Drug Take Back Day scheduled for Oct. 28

Read more: [October 2023 issue of The Record](#)

Blue Cross, BCN covering additional vaccines

Read more: [October 2023 issue of The Record](#)

CPT code update: New immunization vaccine codes

Read more: [October 2023 issue of The Record](#)

HCPSC update: New code

Read more: [October 2023 issue of The Record](#)

HCPSC replacement codes, effective July 6, 2023, established

Read more: [October 2023 issue of The Record](#)

We'll require prior authorization for some diabetes drugs prescribed to Medicare Advantage members, starting Jan. 1

Read more: [October 2023 issue of The Record](#)



Training updates

Lunch and learn webinars for physicians and coders focus on risk adjustment, coding

Read more:

- [Page 6 of the September–October 2023 BCN Provider News](#)
- [October 2023 issue of The Record](#)

New on-demand training available

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