

Blue Cross and BCN extend time to complete cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation visits during COVID-19 emergency

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network have extended the time to complete cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation visits from 90 to 270 days* retroactive to March 1, 2020. The benefit period starts on the date of the first treatment or qualifying event depending on member coverage. The extended benefit period will continue until further notice.

This applies to Blue Cross PPO (commercial), BCN HMOSM (commercial) and BCN AdvantageSM members (see chart below for details).

Medicare Plus BlueSM PPO members do not have a limit on cardiac rehab; pulmonary rehab for Medicare Plus Blue is automatically extended when using the KX modifier.

The table below shows the differences per line of business but please consult web-DENIS for specific patient benefits. For background information, policy statements and summaries regarding these services, please see the Cardiac Rehabilitation and Pulmonary Rehabilitation medical policies found in the Medical Policy Router or go to the *BCN Provider Publications and Resources* web-DENIS page under the *BCN Medical Policy Manual* link.

	Blue Cross PPO	Medicare Plus Blue PPO	BCN HMO	BCN Advantage
Cardiac rehab (CPT codes **93797, **93798, revenue code 0943)	36 visits/year*	No limit	Visit limit varies based on the member's benefit. Authorization is required for all new cases. Must complete the cardiac rehabilitation questionnaire for BCN HMO members in e-referral.	No limits but authorization is required for new cases. Must complete the cardiac rehabilitation questionnaire for BCN Advantage members in e-referral.
Pulmonary rehab (HCPCS code G0237, G0238, G0239, G0302, G0303, G0304, G0424, S9473)	36 visits/year	36 visits per year without modifier; limit automatically extended when using KX modifier.	Visit limit varies based on the member's benefit. Authorization is required for all new cases. Must complete the pulmonary rehabilitation questionnaire in e-referral.	No limit but authorization is required for new cases. Must complete the pulmonary rehabilitation questionnaire in e-referral.



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Other changes temporarily put in place for the public health crisis can be found in the *Temporary changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic* document. You can find this document on our public website at bcbsm.com/coronavirus and through Provider Secured Services.

***Some Blue Cross national contracts (NASCO) have different cardiac rehabilitation visit maximums and day limits for completion. This extension does not override these group-specific benefits. Please consult web-DENIS for specific member benefits.**

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