



## CMS not reimbursing consultation codes

As of Jan. 1, 2010, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is no longer reimbursing any reported consultation codes.

- Codes \*99251 – 99255 and \*99241-99245 will deny as not payable services.
- CMS is establishing three new G codes — G0425, G0426, and G0427 — to be used when reporting telehealth evaluations.
- All other consultations are to be reported using these codes: \*99221-99223, \*99304-99306 and \*99201-99205, as applicable.
- BCN will follow CMS guidelines and reimburse these evaluation and management codes for services provided to members in the BCN Advantage and BCN65 products.
- BlueCaid will follow Michigan Department of Community Health guidelines indicating that the State will not discontinue the consultation codes but will add the three new G codes.
- The commercial BCN product will follow Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and continue to pay for these consultation codes until June 30, 2010.

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## Facts about MyBlue Medigap

- Not an HMO — No referrals, PCP selection or provider network
- Pays secondary to Medicare
- Any physician who accepts Medicare may see individuals with MyBlue Medigap<sup>SM</sup> coverage

## PRP reminder

The 2010 Blue Care Network Physician and Physician Group Incentive Program Materials are available on **Health e-Blue** under *Resources > Incentive Documents*.

## Pharmacy news

**New BCN pharmacy benefit manager**  
Medco Health Solutions, Inc. is BCN's new pharmacy benefit manager as of Jan. 1, 2010. For more information, please see Page 1 of the Jan.-Feb. 2010 *BCN Provider News*.

### Closed formulary replaces open formulary for GM hourly retiree members

BCN hourly retiree members previously covered by General Motors are now covered by the UAW Retirees Medical Benefits Trust. Some of these members had a prescription filled under GM's open-formulary drug benefit in 2009 that will not be covered under the UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust's closed-formulary drug benefit in 2010. Nonformulary drugs previously available to GM hourly retirees are no longer covered without authorization.

Please inform your members impacted by this change that they no longer have coverage for nonformulary drugs and that formulary alternatives are available.

## Electronic forms

### Status claim submission reminder

Professional billers can submit status claims electronically. If you have questions, please work with your billing vendor.

### Healthy Blue Living reminder

It's quick and easy to submit Healthy Blue Living Qualification Forms on Health e-Blue<sup>SM</sup>. After logging in, go to *Panel > Healthy Blue Living Qualification Form*.

### e-referral application forms update

E-referral application forms have been revised. The Tax ID field is now marked with an asterisk as a required field. The forms are on [ereferrals.bcbsm.com](http://ereferrals.bcbsm.com) > *Sign Up for e-referral*.

## Contact us for help

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact **(Lawrence S. Hayes)**  
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