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National health care reform news

Online educational materials about the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act near-term benefits are now available for participating Blues providers:

- At **bcbsm.com**: Click on *Understanding health care reform*, then click on *I am a... Health care professional* to read the latest updates.
 - Of special interest to physicians: Click on the links to *Overview of national health care reform for health care providers* and *Preventive care and immunizations alert*.
- On **web-DENIS**: A list of Blues preventive service procedure codes with no member cost-sharing is now available. Go to *Health Reform* under *BCN Provider Publications and Resources*.

 Please advise your BCN members to check with their health plan benefits representative to verify if and when the near-term benefit changes apply in each member's specific case.

For more information about impacts of the PPACA, please read the [Jan.-Feb. 2011 issue](#) of *BCN Provider News*.

Prescription fill change reminder

Effective Jan. 1, 2011, Blue Care Network is transitioning BCN commercial members to the industry standard of 30-day prescription fills. If they are currently receiving a prescription for a 31-, 32-, 33- or 34-day supply, the prescription will be filled with a 30-day supply going forward.

Electronic funds transfer

Blue Care Network will offer electronic funds transfer of claim payments to professional providers, effective Jan. 31, 2011. For more information, please see [Page 10](#) of the Jan.-Feb. 2011 *BCN Provider News*.

e-referral updates

- **Radiology Management Program**
Blue Care Network has updated the questionnaires for the high-tech radiology procedures that require prior authorization. These updates are effective Jan. 1, 2011. The changes enhance the high-tech radiology review process as well as make it more efficient for providers. For more information, please see [Page 37](#) of the Jan.-Feb. 2011 *BCN Provider News*.
- **Clinical Review programs**
Revised BCN Referral and Clinical Review Programs, effective Jan. 1, 2011, are available on e-referral. Changes are summarized with Blue Dot Changes at the end of the program documents.

New prior auth requirement

A 2011 update to the Blue Care Network Referral and Clinical Review Program requires prior authorization for home health care for UAW Retiree Medical Benefit Trust members. The URMBT group number is 00278806.

Same plan, new logo

BCN Advantage HMO-POSSM



Medicare and more

Blue Care Network of Michigan is a nonprofit corporation and independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

BCN Advantage HMO is now called BCN Advantage HMO-POSSM Medicare Advantage, effective January 1, 2011. The name change was made to comply with new Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services rules regarding travel benefits.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact your [BCN provider representative](#)