

Bulletin #11-2012

TO: Participating hospitals and select ambulatory surgical centers

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SUBJECT: 1st quarter 2013 billing updates

We are sending this bulletin to inform you of the following changes, which will be effective January 1, 2013:

- **Correlation table changes.** The attached *Correlation Edits for Outpatient Claims* document includes the addition of new codes and deletion of terminated codes.
- **Outpatient fee schedule changes.** The attached *Outpatient Fee Schedule Changes* document lists the additions, updates, and deletions that will be made to the fee schedules, including changes related to medical and claim payment policies. Notifications for policy changes are posted on our website at www.ibx.com/medpolicy in the Policy Notifications section, as well as in *Partners in Health Update*SM.
- **Pharmacy fee schedule changes.** The attached *Outpatient Pharmacy Fee Schedule Changes* document lists the additions and deletions that we have made to the pharmacy fee schedule.

Please note that effective January 1, 2013, services designated as Experimental/Investigational will no longer appear on printed versions of the Outpatient and Pharmacy fee schedules. Please refer to Independence Blue Cross medical policies for more information on these services.

If you have any questions about this bulletin, please contact your Network Coordinator.

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We encourage you to share this information with appropriate members of your staff.

For a copy of the *Correlation Edits for Outpatient Claims, Outpatient Fee Schedule Changes, or Outpatient Pharmacy Fee Schedule Changes* document, please contact your Network Coordinator.