



**BlueCross BlueShield
of New Mexico**

NOTICE

DATE: July 8, 2008

TO: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico (BCBSNM) Participating Providers

RE: Notification of Bundling Logic Changes for Health Care Service Corporation (HCSC)

FROM: BCBSNM Network Services Department

Dear Provider:

Effective on or after October 13, 2008, BCBSNM will be installing the annual upgrade of ClaimCheck®, Version 41 into our claims processing system. BCBSNM has been utilizing ClaimCheck® since 1997 for claims reimbursement decisions. This revision is being implemented company-wide (HCSC includes BCBSNM, BCBSIL, BCBSOK and BCBSTX). Edits are also available in Clear Claim Connection (C3) through the Availity web portal at www.availity.com.

ClaimCheck® is a claim editing/bundling software program that has clinical knowledge based edits based on the most likely clinical scenarios and nationally accepted billing practices. The editing logic reflects multiple sources for the editing guidelines: AMA, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CCI, St. Anthony's, Specialty Society Guidelines, CPT coding rules and other industry standards.

The editing logic includes, but is not limited to:

- Identification of Procedure Unbundling
- Incidental Procedures
- Mutually Exclusive Procedures
- Age/Gender Procedure Conflicts
- Same Day Duplicate Procedures

Regarding provider requests for reconsideration of a bundled service:

If the provider contests the bundling or "ClaimCheck" edit result on a service, a Provider Request for Claim Review can be submitted to BCBSNM. See Section 4.8 of the 2008 *Blues Provider Reference Manual* for further information (the 2008 *Provider Reference Manual* and the Provider Request for Claim Review form are available online at www.bcbsnm.com in the Information for Providers section). **Note:** Claims are not reviewed for any reason after one year from the date of service.

Should you have any questions regarding the information in this Notice, please contact your Network Services Representative at 505-837-8800, or 1-800-567-8540.

Thank you for your time!

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