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To: All MD/DO, Ancillary Providers,
Hospitals and Facilities
in Clinton and Essex counties

Contracts Affected: Managed Care and Traditional 2013 Fee Schedule Update

Why you're receiving this Stat

Effective April 1, 2013, the BlueShield of Northeastern New York Standard Commercial Fee Schedule will be updated.

What you need to know

These rates will help us reimburse all of our providers fairly and support primary care physicians, the backbone of our network.

In the aggregate, the 2013 Commercial Fee Schedule will be approximately 121 percent of the 2012 Medicare rates that became effective January 1, 2012.

Evaluation and management, chiropractic, physical, speech, and occupational therapy codes will receive an increase.

Some specialty-treatment procedure codes were normalized to the remainder of the fee schedule.

We continue to provide funding for Patient Centered Medical Home practices and distribute incentive payments for positive performance on selected HEDIS measures (Pay for Performance).

Behavioral Health Providers

Effective January 1, 2013, the 908XX series of the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) codes will be deleted and replaced with new CPT codes.

Our system will recognize the new codes by this date.

Do not use the deleted codes for any services after January 1, 2013.

If you need guidance regarding code use, please refer to *2013 Changes to Mental Health CPT Codes* under *News & Events* on our website. The 2013 Behavioral Health Fee schedule will include the new codes.

What you need to do

View the 2013 Commercial Fee Schedule on our provider website at bsneny.com beginning January 1, 2013. The fee schedule can be downloaded in Excel format.

If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact your Provider Relations and Contracting account specialist at 1-518-220-5601.