



### Third Quarter 2015 Highlights

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (BCBSNC) is committed to informing health care providers and facilities participating in our networks about recent medical policy updates, new products and programs, and other relevant BCBSNC news.

The following links are to articles of interest published on BCBSNC's provider-specific [Important News page](#). Please share this e-newsletter with others in your office who may benefit from the information and encourage them to [sign up](#) to receive it directly.

### July 2015 Highlights

- [Corrected Claims Must Contain Submission Type Codes](#) (was effective July 6, 2015)
- [Rx Utilization Management Changes Effective October 1, 2015](#)
- [Change in Claim Submission Requirements for All Maternity Claims](#)
- [Prior Review Required for Oncology-Related Antiemetic Medications](#)



### Blue Medicare July Highlights

- [New Reimbursement Policies for Blue Medicare](#) (was effective August 1, 2015)

**Better Together: Delivering Quality and Affordable Health Care to Consumers**

- [Rx Drugs Costs Up 33% in One Year. How Is That Possible?](#)
- [The Non-Emergency Emergency: Reducing Avoidable ER Visits](#)

### August 2015 Highlights

- [Electronic Funds Transfer Will Become Standard Provider Method of Payment as of March 1, 2016](#)
- [Policy Change Applies to Assistant Surgeons, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, and Nurse Midwives](#)
- [Preventive Visits and Use of Modifier-25](#)
- [Changes to Services Reimbursement for Status B Indicator \(was effective October 1, 2015\)](#)
- [BCBSNC's New Telehealth Corporate Policy](#)
- [Changes to 2016 Individual Plan Offerings Necessary to Address Rising Health Care Costs](#)



### Blue Medicare August Highlights

- [Blue Medicare Member Inquiries Now Available on Blue e](#)
- [Valid CLIA Certificates Required for Lab Reimbursement for Blue Medicare Members](#)

### September 2015 Highlights

- [Retirement of Explanation of Payment Paper Delivery for Blue e Users](#)
- [Effective December 1: Medical Records Will Not Be Requested to Reprocess Medical Necessity Denials](#)
- [ICD-10 Is Now Live. Are You Ready?](#)
- [Clear Claim Connection \(C3\) Enhancements on Blue e Part of Transition to New Technology Platform](#)
- [New Provider Quality Reports Are Now Available](#)
- [2015-2016 Seasonal Flu Vaccine Information](#)



### Blue Medicare September Highlights

- [Prior Approval Changes for Blue Medicare PPO Plans in 2016](#)

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## Providers: What You Need to Know

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[More information](#) is available on our website about NCQA's quality standards, which are integral to BCBSNC's Quality Improvement programs.

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