

August 20, 2018

Dear Health Care Provider:

Enclosed is an amendment to your BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, Inc. (“BCBST”) Commercial network agreement (“Agreement”) relating to the technical component for professional services provided while a BlueCross Commercial member is in a facility setting (other than a free-standing ambulatory surgery center).

Effective for services furnished on and after Jan. 1, 2019, and consistent with our long-standing policy, Commercial DRG and outpatient case rates paid to a facility (other than free-standing ambulatory surgery centers) are all-inclusive of any technical component for professional services provided while a patient is in the facility setting.

BlueCross will make payment to the facility for the technical component of the professional services, regardless of the facility’s arrangement with another person for the provision of the technical component of the professional services. Payment shall not be made to health care professionals pursuant to a physician agreement, group practice agreement, health care professional agreement or other contract for technical component services furnished to our Commercial members in facility settings (other than free-standing ambulatory surgery centers). Providers who perform the technical component of anatomic pathology services for patients must coordinate with the applicable facility regarding the payment of claims for such services.

Your contract with BlueCross permits us to amend the contract by sending you the proposed amendment in writing and allowing you thirty (30) days after delivery thereof to respond.

- You may respond to this mailing with your written acceptance to the email address listed below.
- If you do not respond within such thirty-day (30-day) time period, the amendment will be deemed accepted by you and automatically shall take effect on the date set forth in the amendment.
- If you notify us in writing, delivered to the email address set forth below during this thirty-day (30-day) period, that you do not accept the amendment, then the amendment will not take effect, and, pursuant to the Agreement, we shall have the right to terminate the Agreement.

Written acceptances and rejections should be sent to:

BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee
Attn: Provider Contract Development
Email: CDReturns@bcbst.com

Please direct questions about this letter and amendment to your BlueCross Network Manager. We believe the amendment is necessary to clarify our long-standing payment policy.

We appreciate your understanding and continued dedication in caring for our members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marc Barclay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Marc T. Barclay
Vice President, Provider Networks and Contracting
BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee

Enclosure