


Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) is a non-profit quasi-public corporation that is licensed to provide healthcare insurance in Michigan under PA 350 (1980). See

MCL-act-350-of-1980 . Please also see www.bcbsm.com.

BCBSM reimbursement arrangements are defined by documents called Provider Class Plans that are regulated by the Insurance Commissioner of Michigan. See www.michigan.gov/cis and click on Financial and Insurance services. The three relevant Provider Class Plans are the Hospital, Physician, and the Rehabilitation Therapy Provider Class Plans. BCBSM classifies Medicare Certified Providers - Outpatient Rehabilitation Agencies (ORF) as freestanding Outpatient Physical Therapy (**OPT**), and Medicare Certified suppliers – Physical Therapists in Private Practice (PTPP) as Independent Physical Therapists (**IPT**). The **IPT and OPT** physical therapy providers are classified in the Rehabilitation Provider Class Plan.

At the time of this writing, Hospital OP, IPT and OPT are subject to a global fee cap of \$83.00 per day. Evaluation is paid separately at the rate of \$89.66. Physicians are paid



on a fee schedule: see Tradrevised1-12-2006PFS.pdf (page 107). At present Re-evaluations are not payable. Currently, physicians and IPT's bill using HCPCS (CPT) codes, and Hospital OP and OPT's bill using Revenue codes. BCBSM is working on standardizing the billing methodology to uniform use of HCPCS codes, and a uniform reimbursement methodology using the physician fee schedule. **Do not change your current methods until you see an official announcement in the BCBSM publication called The Record**. This publication is available on the BCBSM website by going to the Provider area and signing up to **web-Denis**.

The PT Provider manual is available online also. Follow these links for the sections of



the manual dealing with policy and documentation:

[2006BCBSMPTDOCUMENTATION.pdf](#)



[2006BCBSMPTPOLICYMANUAL.pdf](#)

The MPTA has regular meetings with the physician liaison, and senior management. Members of the Reimbursement Committee that attend these meetings are Mark Beissel, Michael Leither, David Gilboe, and Peter Loubert. Frank Svehota represents the Hospitals.