



BRIEF

Bi-monthly newsletter to keep you connected

Survey Reminder, Fallon online provider tools, Blue Cross downcoding, Revalidation reminder for Medicare/Medicaid, Exclusion checking, Diabetic testing supplies, Yankee Alliance

Physician Performance survey reminder!

A reminder to take our brief survey and let us know how we are doing. There will be a prize winner randomly drawn from those of you who complete the survey by October 31st!

Click for Survey

Don't lose access to Fallon Health's online provider tools

Registration for Fallon's new provider portal began in mid-September. The portal, which replaces Provider Tools, went live this month.



Please read this important information:

All contracted providers will need to re-register to use it.

Registration timeline:

- Registration for participating providers is ongoing.
- The link to register for the portal was provided in a separate Provider Headlines email in mid-September.

Please log in to the provider portal prior to **December 1st** or follow this [link](#) to register for the new tools. The existing provider portal will be sunsetting mid-December.

Blue Cross downcoding policy

See below for information on how to identify BCBS claims that were downcoded based on the policy which goes into effect on November 1st.

Q: How can I use the remittance code information to determine which claims have been edited?

A: The NASCO K769 message code is unique to the E/M overcoding review. It will only be used for claims that have been edited through this program.



The CARC 150/RARC N22 message codes are assigned to the E/M overcoding program. To identify claims that have been edited, look for CARC 150/RARC N22 on the remittance advice with CPT office visit codes (99203-99204, 99213-99214) or emergency department visit codes (99283-99284).



Reminder to all providers about revalidations:

Regardless of specialty or degree, providers are required to revalidate their Fee-for-Service (FFS) enrollment in MassHealth or Medicare every 5 years. MassHealth and CMS will each respectively send letters and email notifications to practices who are due for revalidation. Click [here](#) for more information on these processes.

The memo on MassHealth and Medicare revalidation can be found [here](#) and the MassHealth overview on revalidation can be found [here](#).



Reminder to Practices on Required Exclusion Checking

All BILHPN providers are responsible for complying with BILHPN contracts which require you to ensure that employees and vendors, as well as any other downstream contractors, have not been excluded from participating in federal health care programs.

BILHPN has created a document explaining this requirement. Click [here](#) to view the presentation under the Reference section of our website.

Please review all vendors and employees through each of these lists:

[List of Excluded Individuals/ Entities \(LEIE\)](#)

[System for Award Management \(SAM\) Exclusion Checks](#)

[MassHealth Suspended or Excluded Providers](#)



Diabetic testing supplies for Tufts Medicare members

Effective for dates of service beginning January 1, 2026, Accu-check will become the preferred brand for glucose meters and test strips for members of TMP, Tufts OneCare and Tufts SCO. LifeScan's test strips and meters will be moved to non-formulary status and will no longer be covered under the patient's benefit.

[Click here](#) to be directed to the Point32Health home page where you can look up specific

To date, Yankee Alliance members saved over \$110 million dollars

Yankee Alliance is here to:

- Reduce member expenses using purchasing power to obtain best price contracts.
- Provide members with analytics resources and reporting that turn opportunities into action.
- Support members with subject matter EXPERTISE and collaborative tools to implement savings.



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Reminder: If you have an upcoming publication, presentation, award, or honor that you'd like to let us know about, please reach out to us at PLLCAdministration@bidmc.harvard.edu

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached via email at PLLCAdministration@bidmc.harvard.edu or leave me a message at (617) 632-9728 and I will get back to you.

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