

BRIEF

Bi-monthly newsletter to keep you connected

BCBS postpones MAC claim edits, BILHPN Hosted Trainings, Incident To Billing, UniCare to Wellpoint, Yankee Alliance



BCBSMA is postponing monitored anesthesia care (MAC) claim edits

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2024, Blue Cross Blue Shield was scheduled to implement diagnosis-driven claim edits to support monitored anesthesia care (MAC) medical policy 154 guidelines. This effort has now been postponed, and any claims denied after January 1, 2024, will be retroactively approved, ensuring continuity of care for patients. BCBS will also notify providers 90 days in advance of any future enforcement of this policy.

As a reminder, medical policy 154 indicates that Blue Cross cover monitored anesthesia care for endoscopic procedures, such as colonoscopies and upper endoscopies, when medically necessary. Medical policy 154 also lists diagnosis codes and clinical scenarios where monitored anesthesia care is medically necessary for endoscopic procedures, outlined by certain medical conditions and complication risks.

See article [here](#)

BILHPN CDI team to host monthly trainings

Our colleagues with the **BILHPN CDI** team, in collaboration with Oby Egbunike, our Director of Professional Coding and Education, is set to host **monthly, condition-specific clinical documentation training courses** – with CME credit. These tailored sessions are designed to provide insight into condition-specific documentation needs that support the capture of patients' conditions.



Please find the training schedule with registration links below. Providers can attend any trainings that would be helpful to them. Thank you for your support and partnership in driving the success of these programs. Should you have any questions or need more

information, please reach out to [@BILHPN-CDITeam](#).

Training Schedule

Please click the blue hyperlinks to register. Providers can be registered by practice staff as well. All links allow pre-registration and a reminder email will be sent the day before training to all registrants.

- March 19: Cardiology - [Click here to register \(cardiology\)](#).
- April 24: Pulmonology - [Click here to register \(pulmonary\)](#).
- May 23: Neurology - [Click here to register \(neurology\)](#).
- June 18: Rheumatology - [Click here to register \(rheumatology\)](#).
- July 25: Psychology - [Click here to register \(psychology\)](#).
- August 20: Endocrinology - [Click here to register \(endocrinology\)](#).
- September 19: Gastroenterology - [Click here to register \(gastroenterology\)](#).
- October 23: Nephrology - [Click here to register \(nephrology\)](#).
- November 19: Urology - [Click here to register \(urology\)](#).
- December 17: Vascular Surgery - [Click here to register \(vascular surgery\)](#).

CMS Incident to Billing Explained

CMS published a detailed informational article back in March of 2023 in response to questions regarding **Incident To Billing**. It can be accessed [here](#).



You can also find a FAQ on **Incident To Billing for midlevels**, [here](#).

Please reach out to PLLCAdministration@bidmc.harvard.edu

Unicare to become Wellpoint



UniCare will begin rebranding as Wellpoint starting February 1, 2024. Wellpoint administers health benefits for more than 200,000 Massachusetts state and municipal employees, retirees, and their families.

There will be no changes to members' healthcare benefits or coverage. Members will continue to have access to the previous Unicare network. Business operations will remain unchanged as well.

Click here for more information: <https://www.unicaremass.com/press/unicare-is-becoming-wellpoint/>

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached via email at

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