



January 2021

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We wish everyone a Happy New Year and thank you for your trusting us with your billing. We look forward to an incredible 2021 together.

FEE SCHEDULES

As promised PPR staff is reviewing each of your fee schedules to make sure that your procedures and charge master are updated with the latest Medicare and BCBSM fee schedules. We will notify you if we feel that a price needs to be updated.

MEDICARE DEDUCTIBLE 2021

The Medicare Part B deductible for 2021 is \$203.00. Some providers want to delay submission of Medicare claims until later in the year so that the beneficiary's deductible can be met prior to claims submissions. We understand, but we discourage our providers from holding back claims. Patients very often have secondary coverage that pays the deductible. Also, some patients have Advantage plans that could have a shorter time limit for filing claims. We urge you to send in your Medicare and all claims on a timely basis.

TELEHEALTH

Most carriers have extended and expanded their policy of paying telehealth services. Please remember to let us know how and where the patient is seen. Many providers are operating a hybrid of telehealth and in office practices. We want to make sure to send accurate claims. Please help us bill accurately on your behalf.

BCBSM EXPANDING CARDIOLOGY SERVICES AUTHORIZATION WITH AIM

Beginning January 1, 2021 BCBSM is adding some cardiology services that will require authorization by AIM. They include cardiac implantable devices and arterial ultrasound. Please use this link to read more.

https://www.bcbsm.com/content/dam/microsites/corpcomm/provider/the_record/2020/nov/Record_1120q.shtml

And remember, we're here to help you. Don't hesitate to call at any time for any reason.