



Bulletin #02-2011

TO: Participating hospitals

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SUBJECT: Change to invoices for certain implantable devices

The purpose of this bulletin is to communicate a change in how invoices should be submitted for certain implantable devices.

Effective immediately, for implantable devices that are purchased on consignment or in bulk (e.g., drug-eluting stents), Independence Blue Cross (IBC) will no longer require that the lot number and/or serial number of implantable devices on implant records match the manufacturer's invoice.

IBC requires the following documentation for these implantable devices:

- a representative copy of the manufacturer's invoice that reflects the cost per unit, units per order, and model number and/or clear description of the implantable device;
- the implant record, including the model number and/or clear description of the implantable device;
- the patient-specific serial number of the implant recorded in the implant record.

IBC reserves the right to audit invoices and medical records to ensure that the submitted invoice reflects acquisition costs.

The changes reflected in this bulletin will be incorporated into the Billing & Reimbursement for Hospital Services section of the *Hospital Manual for Participating Hospitals, Ancillary Facilities, and Ancillary Providers*.

Please contact your Network Coordinator if you have any questions about this bulletin.

We encourage you to share this information with appropriate members of your staff.
