

PROVIDER BULLETIN
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TO: Participating hospitals

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SUBJECT: 1st Quarter 2016 Billing Updates

We are sending this bulletin to inform you of changes to the fee schedules.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2016:

- **Outpatient fee schedule changes.** The attached *Outpatient Fee Schedule Changes* document lists the additions, updates, and deletions that will be made to the fee schedules, including changes related to medical and claim payment policies. Notifications for policy changes are posted on our website at www.ibx.com/medpolicy in the Policy Notifications section.

In addition, Independence Blue Cross is updating its fee schedule and medical policy for digital breast tomosynthesis, also known as 3D mammography, to provide this as a covered service for commercial members* retroactive to October 5, 2015. The new rates for CPT[®] codes 77061, 77062, and 77063, as well as HCPCS code G0279, are included on the attached *Outpatient Fee Schedule Changes* document.
- **Outpatient implantable device updates.** The attached *Outpatient Implantable Device List* document lists the updates that have been made to the implantable device list as a result of quarterly code updates.
- **Pharmacy fee schedule changes.** The attached *Outpatient Pharmacy Fee Schedule Changes* document lists the additions, updates, and deletions that will be made to the pharmacy fee schedule.

If you have any questions about this bulletin, please contact your Network Coordinator.

*Coverage depends on specific benefit plan terms, conditions, limitations, and exclusions. Individual benefits must be verified.

For a copy of the *Outpatient Fee Schedule Changes*, *Outpatient Implantable Device Updates*, or *Outpatient Pharmacy Fee Schedule Changes* document, please contact your Network Coordinator.