Services BCBSMT will process:
- Convalescent home
- Diabetes Prevention Program
- Durable medical equipment/supplies
- Emergency
- Hospital
- Lab and x-ray
- Medical vision
- Mental health and substance use disorder
- Mid-level
- Physician
- Preventive (including EPSDT)
- Rehabilitative and habilitative
- Surgical

Services Xerox will process:
- Audiology
- Dental
- Eyeglasses
- Federally Qualified Health Center
- Hearing aids
- Home infusion
- Indian Health Service/Tribal Health
- Pharmacy
- Rural Health Clinic
- Transportation

Patient Discharge Status Codes and Hospital Transfer

Hospitals are responsible for coding the patient status code based on the discharge plan for the patient.

For example, if a patient is discharged from your facility to another general hospital; the patient status code should be 02 Discharge/Transfer General Hospital.

Please reference the Hospital Inpatient Services provider manual and the Critical Access Hospital Services provider manual on the Hospital Inpatient provider page of the Provider Information website for the Medicaid allowed discharge status codes.

Patient discharge and transfer status codes are part of the Uniform Billing Expert Manual (UB-04 Billing Manual) and are required to be accurately placed on inpatient and outpatient claims.

Coding an inaccurate patient status code can cause subsequent claims to deny. As a result, facilities will be required to adjust the claim and submit it with the correct patient status code for all appropriate claims to be processed correctly.

For additional reference, please see the CMS article.

Submitted by Rebecca Corbett, DPHHS
Boost Your Immune System Naturally

Cold and flu season is here, which means it’s time to take extra precautions to stay as healthy as possible. Even if you received a recommended flu shot, there are additional ways to put your immune system in its best condition to battle against illness. The experts at NurseWise, a national multilingual nurse triage and health education provider, are pleased to offer five tips to boost your immune system naturally.

1. Snooze like Sleeping Beauty. Studies reveal strong evidence that getting the proper amount of sleep is crucial to the health of your body and maintaining your immune system. In fact, lack of sleep can actually put your immune system in the same state of weakness as stress and impact your white blood cells, which are crucial to your body’s defense. Experts recommend 7–8 hours of sleep each night to maintain physical and mental health. Lack of sleep not only weakens your immune system, it also increases your risk for numerous chronic illnesses.

2. Diminish the “D” deficienctly. As we get less sunshine in an effort to avoid skin cancer, many people are deficient in vitamin D and don’t even know it. The impact of vitamin D on the immune system has become clearer in recent years. Along with being connected to many serious diseases, low vitamin D levels also allow you to be more susceptible to becoming sick because it is an immune system regulator. You can get a blood test to check your D levels, and if they’re low, talk to your doctor about supplements.

3. Pop those probiotics. The gastrointestinal tract has an enormous impact on the immune system, so keeping your gut in order helps to keep the rest of your body in top fighting condition. Probiotics are “good” bacteria that help keep your gut balanced. In addition to helping reduce inflammation and preventing infection in the body, probiotics can also decrease the severity of colds and flu. They may also increase the production of antibodies, which fight bacteria and viruses. Probiotics can be taken as a supplement or found in fermented foods, including yogurt. Talk with your doctor first because probiotics are not FDA-regulated.

4. Munch on mushrooms. In addition to beefing up your fruit and veggie intake so your body is getting the nutrients needed to battle the bugs of the season, studies also show certain mushrooms, including shiitake and maitake, have a positive impact on the immune system. Many mushrooms are rich in essential vitamins (including vitamins B and C) and minerals. Certain mushrooms, including shiitake and maitake, also have antiviral and immune system enhancing effects. Mushrooms have been used medicinally for thousands of years and each is known for varied health benefits, so throw them in a cooked dish or eat them raw.

5. Shy away from sugar. Studies show that your sweet tooth might be just as bad for your immune system as it is for your waist. Eating or drinking too much sugar suppresses your immune system and its ability to fight off attacks. Almost immediately, there is a drastic decline in your body’s defense when you ingest sugar, which can last for up to six hours. Experts also suggest saying “so long” to any sugar when sick, since it knocks down your immune system and the ability to heal even more.

For more information about preventing and fighting the flu, visit www.cdc.gov.

Submitted by Connie Olson, Nurse First Program Officer, DPHHS.

SURS Audit Revelations

Updating or Correcting Medical Record

The SIRS unit has identified a trend of providers altering a record inappropriately. Per ARM 37.85.414 Maintenance of Records and Auditing:

“(1) All providers of service must maintain records which fully demonstrate the extent, nature and medical necessity of services and items provided to Montana Medicaid recipients. The records must support the fee charged or payment sought for the services and items and demonstrate compliance with all applicable requirements.

(a) All records which support a claim for a service or item must be complete within 90 days after the date on which the claim was submitted to Medicaid for reimbursement. A record that is required to be signed and dated, including but not limited to an order, prescription, certificate of medical necessity, referral or progress note, is not complete until it has been signed and dated.”

In the Surveillance and Utilization Review chapter of the General Information for Providers manual under Key Points (page 6.2), it states: The provider shall submit a true and accurate copy of each record of the service or item being reviewed as it existed within 90 days after the date on which the claim was submitted to Medicaid.

Montana Medicaid understands that mistakes happen and corrections or updates will occur from time to time. As documentation standards dictate, make corrections and/or update a medical record by using the following recommendations:

• When correcting a medical record, it is important to: 1) Draw a single line through the original information, but it must be legible and easy to read; 2) Insert the correct information as close to the original text as possible; and 3) Date and initial the correction. We recommend documenting the reason the correction is taking place in an addendum to the record, which is signed and dated.

• If you use electronic health records, an addendum can be done by stating what is incorrect in the original document and what the corrected information is, then date and initial or sign the addendum.

• The update or correction to a medical record should be clear and well-documented. It is important to document why the late entry was made, and date and initial the additions/corrections.

We recommend using the Federal Register/Vol. 65, No. 194/Thursday, October 5, 2000/Notices. Page 59440 has guidelines for documentation of medical records and services.

In addition, when billed services need to be corrected due to an error in billing/ or documentation, refer to the Rebilling and Adjustments section in the General Information for Providers Manual.

Submitted by Barbara Graziano, SURS
## Publications Available on the Website

Below is a list of recently published Medicaid information and updates. Download the document from the Provider Information website. Select Resources by Provider Type in the website menu to locate information specific to your provider type. If you cannot locate the information, contact Provider Relations at 1.800.624.3958 or 406.442.1837 in Helena.

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Xerox Field Representatives’ Corner

A New Year’s Recipe for a Successful Provider Enrollment

With all the holiday recipes flying around, we thought we would give providers a recipe for a successful enrollment in the hope that the correct documents and information are included in the application packet. If you have questions about the enrollment process, please call Provider Relations at 1.800.624.3958.

Preheat the oven by submitting the online enrollment application on the MATH web portal. Be sure to include your contact information.

Print the Supplement Materials, including the Enrollment Checklist — It’s the perfect recipe helper for you to check off the information as you include it in your enrollment packet.

Gather the following ingredients:
- 1 Montana Health Care Programs Agreement and Signature Page – signed and dated by applicant.
- 1 completed, signed, and dated IRS W-9 form. The name on the first line should match the tax reporting status; include only one address in the Address section; and include an SSN or an EIN, not both.
- 1 Montana Medicaid Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) and Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA) Authorization Agreement. Complete all fields, sign, and date.
- Letter from your financial institution on letterhead indicating routing and account number and account type (checking or savings). This information must be an exact match to the information on the EFT/ERA and the application. The letter must be signed by a representative of the financial institution.
- Photocopy of license showing effective date and expiration date.
- Photocopy of certifications – board certifications, CLIA certification (if you perform laboratory services), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) certificate (if applicable).
- Signed and dated Trading Partner Agreement, if you plan to submit or receive electronic transactions (835/837 only).
- If you hold a CMS Provider-Based Facility Designation, include the CMS letter and your Passport application.

Check thoroughly for any missing documentation. Pour (place) all ingredients (documents) into an 8.5 x 11 pan (envelope) and submit to Xerox for baking (processing). Wait patiently for confirmation of enrollment. Provider Enrollment may ask that you add ingredients to the mix.

Baking (Enrollment) Tips

Recipes change over time. Some ingredients (documents) previously used are no longer needed, including:
- National Provider Identifier (NPI) designation letter or e-mail from the National Plan & Provider Enumeration System (NPPES)
- Direct deposit forms or voided checks.

Sometimes recipes do not turn out right. This could be due to:
- Ownership Information not completed or completed incorrectly (Who owns the NPI?). If you forgot to enroll an additional owner/manager online, use the Additional Owner/Manager form.
- EFT/ERA Authorization Agreement not completed and/or signed and/or dated.
- Direct deposit slip or voided check sent in place of the required official financial institution letter.
- W-9 includes incorrect information. For example, providers should include only SSN or EIN; the name on line 1 must match Medicaid application exactly.
- Ingredients (documents) that require signatures and dates are not completed by the authorized signor on the appropriate lines.
- Applicable licensure was omitted.

Once all of the needed documents have been received and processed, you will be able to enjoy the benefits of your successful enrollment.

Inside Provider Relations

Welcome Our New Field Rep!

As I say good-bye to Xerox, I ask you to welcome Mary Lehman, Xerox Field Representative, to the Provider Relations team!

Mary has a 12-year background in information technology working with the State of Utah. While working in Utah, she provided network and desktop assistance to employment counselors and health workers who used a program similar to the MMIS.

She recently moved to Helena from Texas, where she owned her own dog training business. In addition, she is president of Eagle-Eye Aviation, which she and her husband co-own.

Mary has a diverse customer service background and is a welcome addition to the Provider Relations team!

Olivia Roussan,
Provider Relations Manager

Abbreviated Enrollment

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and 42 CFR 455.440 mandate that all state Medicaid programs require the National Provider Identifier (NPI) of any ordering or referring physician or other professional to be specified on claims for payment that are based on an order or referral of the physician or other health professional.

Montana Medicaid providers are required to identify ordering or referring physicians or other professionals on claims. To facilitate the enrollment process, Montana Medicaid created an abbreviated enrollment form, which is now available.

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Hospitals and clinics that enroll new healthcare providers who will not be billing may use the abbreviated version.

While the option is available via paper and online enrollment, to expedite the enrollment process, providers are encouraged to use the online option through the Montana Access to Health (MATH) web portal by selecting the Abbreviated Enrollment Online option, second in the list to the right of the green menu buttons.

For detailed billing information, see the provider notice on your provider type page regarding ordering and referring providers.

### Oral Nutrition for Children

The Department reminds providers that the Medicaid Durable Medical Equipment (DME) program can reimburse DME enrolled providers for prescribed oral nutrition for children where there is a documented medical need.

The prescription must indicate the product name, diagnosis, medical necessity, quantity, and the length of need.

A documented medical need for members under 21 years of age includes an Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) screen resulting in a diagnosed medical condition that impairs absorption of specific nutrients. The member must also have a measurable nutrition plan developed by a nutritionist and the member's primary care provider (PCP). The PCP must maintain the documentation to include a completed Certificate of Medical Necessity (CMN) EPSDT nutritional services form, DME CMN Enteral Therapy, for individuals under age 21, found on the Forms page of the Provider Information website.

When submitting claims, use modifier BO when nutrition is orally administered, not by a feeding tube (only for members under 21 years of age).

If you have questions regarding the above requirement, please contact Dani Green, DME Program Officer, at 406.444.5296 or dgreen3@mt.gov.

Submitted by Lisa Warrington, DPHHS

### Key Contacts

- **Montana Healthcare Programs**
  - Xerox EDI Support Unit: 1.800.987.6719

- **Provider Relations**
  - In/Out of state: 1.800.624.3958
  - Fax: 406.442.0357
  - Helena: 406.443.1365

- **Third Party Liability**
  - In/Out of state: 1.800.624.3958
  - Fax: 406.442.0357

- **EFT and ERA**
  - Fax completed documentation to Provider Relations, 406.442.4402.

- **Verify Member Eligibility**
  - FaxBack 1.800.714.0075 or Voice Response 1.800.714.0060

- **POS Help Desk for Pharmacy**
  - 1.800.365.4944

- **Passport**
  - 1.800.362.8312

- **PERM Contact Information**
  - HeatherSmith@mt.gov or 406.444.4171

- **Prior Authorization**
  - MPQH 1.800.262.1545
  - MPQH – DMEPOS/Medical: 406.457.5887 Local 877.443.4021 X 5887 Long-Distance

- **Magellan Medicaid Administration (dba First Health)**
  - 1.800.770.3084

- **Transportation**
  - 1.800.292.7114

- **Prescriptions**
  - 1.800.395.7961

- **Claims Processing**
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- **Provider Relations**
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  - Helena, MT 59604

- **Third Party Liability**
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  - Helena, MT 59604