

## Medicare Plus Blue<sup>SM</sup> PPO Provider Manual update coming in October 2023

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan will update the [Medicare Plus Blue<sup>SM</sup> PPO Provider Manual](#) in October 2023.

Key updates include the following:

- **Prior authorization changes for in-lab sleep studies**  
For dates of service on or after Oct. 9, 2023, providers won't be required to submit prior authorization requests to Carelon Medical Benefits Management for in-lab sleep studies. See the "Prior authorization of advanced imaging, cardiology and in-lab sleep study services — Carelon Medical Benefits Management" entry in the *Utilization Management* section.
- **Submitting electronic claims**  
Beginning August 2023, our Electronic Data Interchange, or EDI, services began transitioning to Availity. The transition will occur in phases. Review our April 17, 2023, [alert](#) for more information. See the "Where to submit a claim" and "Problems submitting claims or billing questions" entries for Michigan providers in the *Claim Filing* section.

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