

## Professional reimbursement increased for select procedures performed in ambulatory surgical facilities

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network professional reimbursement policy has increased allowed amounts by 15% over our professional fee schedule for select procedures when these procedures are performed in an ambulatory surgical facility. These changes will go into effect by March 21, 2025, unless otherwise noted.

We're making these changes because technological and clinical advances allow more procedures to be safely performed in the ambulatory setting. However, we recognize that you may need to make some process changes when performing these procedures outside a hospital setting.

Increased professional payments that are payable now for certain procedures in the specialties as listed below for the lines of business noted.

Specialty	Blue Cross commercial	Medicare Plus Blue <sup>SM</sup>	BCN commercial	BCN Advantage <sup>SM</sup>
Ear, nose and throat <sup>1</sup>		✓	✓	✓
Gynecology <sup>2</sup>	✓		✓	
Hemodialysis <sup>2</sup>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Urology <sup>1</sup>		✓	✓	✓
Vascular <sup>2</sup>	✓	✓	✓	✓

<sup>1</sup>The 15% enhanced reimbursement for Blue Cross commercial will begin for select ear, nose and throat and urology procedures in the second quarter. We'll publish a provider alert when this goes into effect for Blue Cross commercial.

<sup>2</sup>The 15% enhanced reimbursement for these services went into effect in 2024.

The lists of procedure codes are available within our provider portal. Here's how to find them:

1. Log in to our provider portal ([availity.com](https://availity.com)).
2. Click *Payer Spaces* on the menu bar and then click the BCBSM and BCN logo.
3. Click the *Resources* tab.
4. Click *Secure Provider Resources (Blue Cross and BCN)*.
5. Click *Billing and Claims* on the menu bar and then click *Codes and Criteria*.
6. Look for the section titled *Procedure codes eligible for additional professional reimbursement when performed in ambulatory surgical facilities*.



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BCN commercial and BCN Advantage<sup>SM</sup>

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We'll continue to closely monitor our list of eligible procedure codes and adjust it based on provider input and other factors, including the effectiveness of the policy. Any other procedures not listed will be paid following our standard fee schedules.

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