

Physician Assistant Primary Care Provider (PAPCP) Fact Sheet



PAPCP Responsibilities

A BCBSMA physician assistant primary care provider (PAPCP):

- is credentialed and contracted as a PAPCP to provide preventive, acute, and chronic care and is responsible for the appropriate medical management of a panel of patients, including but not limited to treating patients, working with BCBSMA for appropriate clinical referrals to specialty services, and participating in prior authorization process, case management, and health management programs
- works in one of the following BCBSMA-recognized specialties: family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics
- has a supervising physician who is credentialed and contracted with BCBSMA in one of the following BCBSMA-recognized specialties: family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics
- has admitting privileges at a BCBSMA participating acute care hospital or shows satisfactory evidence of an admitting arrangement with a BCBSMA provider
- manages the member's care after he/she has left the hospital and has returned home or has gone to an alternative skilled nursing facility/rehabilitation setting.

Administrative Requirements for PAPCPs

The table below summarizes many of the administrative features of the PAPCP designation. Please use this information to assist you in your decision about credentialing/contracting as a BCBSMA PAPCP.

Administrative Requirements for BCBSMA PAPCPs	
Billing type	Applies to CMS-1500 billing only
Included products	The following products will be included in the PAPCPs contract: Indemnity, PPO, FEP, HMO, Medicare Advantage HMO, and Medicare Advantage PPO
Credentialing/ contracting	Must be a BCBSMA credentialed and contracted* provider
Participation	<p>The PAPCP must be enrolled in the same products as the group practice with which he/she is affiliated. (Exception: Pediatric PAPCP). The PAPCP must practice in one of these settings: Family Medicine, Internal Medicine or Pediatrics <i>If the PAPCP is not participating with Medicare at the time of enrollment, the PAPCP will be enrolled in the commercial products until the PAPCP is confirmed as a Medicare participating provider</i></p> <p>The PAPCP must decide to render care as either a PAPCP or PA, not both. The PAPCP will not be contracted at any other practice other than in a covering practice arrangement.</p>
Licensure/Practice Location	The PAPCP must be licensed as a PA in Massachusetts and must also practice in Massachusetts

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* PAPCPs affiliated with a physician organization who is contracted under an Alternative Quality Contract (AQC) or Medical Services Agreement (MSA) arrangement may not be required to individually sign his/her own BCBSMA PAPCP Provider Agreement. Please see the Practice Administrator for more details.

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Administrative Requirements for BCBSMA PAPCPs, <i>continued</i>	
Admitting privileges	Must have admitting privileges at a BCBSMA-contracted acute care hospital; however, if the PAPCP does not, the PAPCP's BCBSMA supervising physician, BCBSMA covering physician, or hospitalist program must provide arrangements for inpatient admissions at a BCBSMA acute care hospital.
Covering arrangement	Must have a covering arrangement with a BCBSMA contracted provider who participates in the same products as the PAPCP
Prescribing ability	Must prescribe and hold a current and valid Federal DEA
Primary care provider (PCP) or provider of choice (POC)	May be selected as a PCP by HMO members, and may be selected as a POC by Medicare PPO direct-pay members
Patient panel	Will maintain a panel of patients and be open for selection
Referrals	Will be allowed to give referrals under own NPI
Primary Care Specialties	Family medicine, internal medicine, or pediatrics
Specialty Care Specialties	Not applicable
BCBSMA supervising physician	The BCBSMA supervising physician must be one of the following BCBSMA primary care specialties and practicing in one of these settings: family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics
Incentive programs and Alternative Quality Contract	The PAPCP will be included in all applicable incentive programs. If permitted by the AQC contract, the PAPCP will be included in all AQC incentive payments
Provider Satisfaction Survey	The PAPCP will be included in all provider satisfaction surveys
Tier designation for tiered network products	PAPCPs who are employed by or reimbursed for services by a physician practice/physician group will be tiered with the physician business entity. Independently practicing PAPCPs will be placed in the Standard Benefits tier until data is available.
Directory listing	PAPCPs will be included with primary care physicians in the Primary Care Provider section in our paper directories and will be included in professional provider search section of our Find-a-Doctor online directory
Fee Schedule	PAPCPs may bill and be reimbursed for all services under PAPCP's scope of practice except for assist-at-surgery services, radiology services (professional and technical components) and behavioral health services. PAPCPs will not be reimbursed for the professional nor technical components of high-tech radiology, diagnostic imaging services, or diagnostic radiology services.
Servicing Provider Number	<p>PAPCP services cannot be billed under the physician's NPI. Claims billed under the physician's NPI with AM modifier will reject with instructions to bill with PAPCP's NPI as the line provider</p> <p>Services must be billed under the PAPCPs NPI and will pay at 85% of the physician fee schedule amount except for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical lab services: 100% of physician fee schedule • Drugs: AWP less 18% • Vaccines: 100% of the physician fee schedule amount • DME services in provider's office: BCBSMA DME Fee Schedule Amount
Provider Website Use	The PAPCP must be a registered and active user of our secure provider website, www.bluecrossma.com/provider .