

INSTRUCTIONS

THIS FORM IS TO BE USED TO SUBMIT A CLAIM FOR SERVICES UNDER YOUR HEALTH PLAN. TO AVOID HAVING YOUR CLAIM RETURNED:

- PREPARE A **SEPARATE CLAIM FORM** FOR EACH FAMILY MEMBER.
- COMPLETE **ALL OF THE INFORMATION REQUESTED** IN ITEMS 1 THRU 18.
- IF YOU PREFER THAT BENEFITS BE PAID TO THE PROVIDER OF SERVICE BE SURE **TO COMPLETE THE AUTHORIZATION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS ON THE FRONT.** CAREFIRST BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE PAYMENT DIRECTLY TO THE SUBSCRIBER AND TO REFUSE TO HONOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF ANY CLAIM TO ANY PERSON OR PARTY.

EACH PROVIDER'S ORIGINAL ITEMIZED BILL MUST BE ATTACHED AND CONTAIN:

- THE LETTERHEAD INDICATING THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON OR ORGANIZATION PROVIDING THE SERVICE
- THE DATE FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL SERVICE (A RANGE OF DATES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED)
- THE NAME OF THE PATIENT RECEIVING THE SERVICE
- THE CHARGE FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL SERVICE
- A DESCRIPTION OF EACH SERVICE

ON EACH BILL, PLEASE CROSS OUT ANY CHARGES THAT WERE INCLUDED ON A PREVIOUS CLAIM. PERSONAL ITEMIZATIONS, CASH REGISTER RECEIPTS, CREDIT CARD RECEIPTS AND CANCELLED CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. ITEMIZED BILLS CANNOT BE RETURNED.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL BE NEEDED:

ACCIDENTAL INJURY - STATEMENTS MUST CONTAIN DETAILS AS TO WHEN, WHERE AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THE INJURY OCCURRED, AS WELL AS THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY AT FAULT.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS - BILLS MUST INCLUDE THE PRESCRIPTION NUMBER, THE NAME OF THE DRUG AND THE NAME OF THE PHYSICIAN PRESCRIBING THE MEDICATION.

PRIVATE DUTY NURSING - BILLS MUST INCLUDE THE SHIFT WORKED, THE CHARGE PER HOUR, THE NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED, THE NURSE'S PROFESSIONAL STATUS, PROFESSIONAL LICENSE NUMBER AND FAMILY RELATIONSHIP TO THE PATIENT, IF ANY. A STATEMENT FROM THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN MUST ACCOMPANY THE CLAIM. THE STATEMENT SHOULD EXPLAIN THE MEDICAL NECESSITY OF THE SERVICE AND THE AUTHORIZATION FOR IT.

PROSTHETIC APPLIANCES AND THE RENTAL OR PURCHASE OF DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT - A STATEMENT FROM THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN MUST ACCOMPANY THE CLAIM. THE STATEMENT SHOULD EXPLAIN THE MEDICAL NECESSITY OF THE EQUIPMENT AND THE PHYSICIAN'S AUTHORIZATION FOR IT.

PSYCHOTHERAPY - BILLS MUST INCLUDE THE LENGTH OF THE SESSION, THE TYPE OF SESSION AND THE PROVIDER'S PROFESSIONAL STATUS. IF THE PROVIDER IS OTHER THAN A MEDICAL DOCTOR, THE PROVIDER'S PROFESSIONAL LICENSE NUMBER MUST ALSO BE GIVEN.

FOR PATIENTS COVERED BY ANOTHER INSURANCE CARRIER OR MEDICARE - IF THE PATIENT IS CLAIMING BENEFITS FOR ANY CHARGES THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS UNDER ANY OTHER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY OR MEDICARE PART A AND/OR PART B, THE EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS FORM FURNISHED BY THE OTHER CARRIER PERTAINING TO THESE CHARGES MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE ITEMIZED BILLS. A CLEAR PHOTOCOPY OF THE OTHER CARRIER'S EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS FORM IS ACCEPTABLE IN PLACE OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT.

FOR SERVICE RECEIVED OUTSIDE THE CAREFIRST BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD SERVICE AREA (MARYLAND, WASHINGTON DC AND NORTHERN VIRGINIA) THE CLAIM FORM AND ALL RELATED MATERIALS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO YOUR LOCAL BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD PLAN.

PLEASE REFER TO THE FOLLOWING PAGES FOR A LISTING OF THE LOCAL BLUES PLANS IN YOUR AREA.

BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR CLAIM, PLEASE BE SURE THAT:

1. THE CLAIM FORM IS FULLY COMPLETED AND SIGNED.
2. THE ITEMIZED BILLS ARE ATTACHED.
3. YOU HAVE KEPT COPIES OF EACH DOCUMENT AND BILL FOR YOUR PERSONAL RECORDS

THE CLAIM FORM AND ALL RELATED MATERIALS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO:

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