

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois Provider Manual

HMO Scope of Benefits Section

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, a Division of Health Care Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal Reserve Company, an Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association

Outpatient Surgery

Benefit

Outpatient surgery is covered in full if it is medically necessary and an IPA physician refers the member for surgery.

Interpretation

The anesthesiologist or anesthetist's charges are the responsibility of the IPA.

If the hospital or ambulatory surgical facility bills preoperative ancillary services, (such as X-ray and laboratory procedures) as part of the facility charges, the HMO will pay for these services.

If the laboratory or X-ray procedures are performed on an outpatient basis, as part of, or in anticipation of an outpatient surgical procedure, these services are the capitated responsibility of the IPA.

The Medical Service Agreement should be consulted for unit charge towards the Utilization Management Fund.

Paid by	Professional Charges	IPA
-	Hospital/Free Standing Ambulatory Facility Charges	HMO (see above)

Please note: The above facility/professional services are HMO financial risk for specific NBPP (Blue Precision) eligible plans as outlined in the Provider Manual. Please refer to HMO Claims Processing section (Page 5).