

NOTICE OF PAYMENT POLICY CHANGES

Date: November 1, 2025

The chart(s) below provide a high-level overview of new/revised/archived Payment Policies. We encourage you to review the payment policies in their entirety. Updated and new payment policies are posted at <https://www.bluecrossvt.org/providers/provider-policies>

Policy Name: CPP_37 Supervised Practice of Mental Health and Substance Use Trainees

Policy Type: Payment Policy

Summary:	Added addendum 'A' to clarify payment for modifier -HO. Added reference policy section. Added clarification statement: Trainee criteria defined above must be met and any claims with modifier other than -HO will be denied provider liability and member will be held financially harmless.
Effective Date:	January 01, 2026
Link to Policy/Manual:	https://www.bluecrossvt.org/documents/cpp37-supervised-practice-mhsud-january-2026

Policy Name: CPP_12 Urgent Care Clinics

Policy Type: Payment Policy

Summary:	Language updates to Policy Statement. Updated Urgent Care Clinic Definition, (1) removed the requirement of "Offers unscheduled health care services seven days per week, including holidays, for at least 10 hours per day, or, if the clinic's normal business day is shorter than 10 hours, the clinic can show evidence of availability to provide care outside of the clinic's normal business hours" and replaced with "Offers unscheduled health care services to any patient who presents for care" (2) Removed the requirement that laboratory and radiology services must be provided on site. (3) Added that Urgent Care Clinics must be registered on National Plan & Provider Enumerations System (NPPES) with a Taxonomy Code of 261QU0200X (4) removed "Is accredited by an organization approved by Blue Cross VT (including, but not limited to, the Joint Commission, the American Academy of Urgent Care Medicine, the Urgent Care Association or the National Association for Ambulatory Care)." Under Seasonal Urgent Care, removed the statement "except that is my not provide laboratory services." Updates to Provider Billing Guidelines and Documentation (1) added the requirement that claims must be billed with a rendering provider reported with the same NPI as the billing provider (2) clarified when rendering non-urgent care the claims must indicate the rendering provider.
Effective Date:	January 01, 2026
Link to Policy/Manual:	https://www.bluecrossvt.org/documents/cpp12-urgent-care-clinics-january-2026

Policy Name: CPP_50 Modifier -62 [Two Surgeons]

Policy Type: Payment Policy

Summary:	New Policy
Effective Date:	January 01, 2026
Link to Policy/ Manual:	https://www.bluecrossvt.org/documents/cpp50-modifier-62-two-surgeons-january-2026

Policy Name: CPP_51 Modifiers -76, -77, -78, -79 Repeat, Unplanned, & Unrelated Procedures

Policy Type: Payment Policy

Summary:	New Policy.
Effective Date:	January 01, 2026
Link to Policy/ Manual:	https://www.bluecrossvt.org/documents/cpp51-modifiers-76-77-78-79-january-2026

Policy Name: CPP_22 Modifiers -52, -53, -73, -74 Reduced Services, Discontinued Services

Policy Type: Payment Policy

Summary:	Payment policy reviewed. Payment policy renamed from “Modifier -52 [Reduced Services]” to “Modifier -52, -53, -73, -74 Reduced Services, Discontinued Services.” Added modifiers -53, -73 and -74 and updated payment policy to provide additional clarity pertaining to section in payment policy CPP_32 Claims editing. Added related policies section of payment policy. Updated references. Removed -52 modifier decision tree and -52 separate section. Added modifiers -53, -73, & -74 to Addendum A.
Effective Date:	January 01, 2026
Link to Policy/ Manual:	https://www.bluecrossvt.org/documents/cpp22-modifiers-reduced-services-policy-january-2026

Policy Name: CPP_32 Claims Editing

Policy Type: Payment Policy

Summary:	Policy reviewed. Minor formatting changes for clarity and consistency. Added Related Policies in policy section.
Effective Date:	January 01, 2026
Link to Policy/ Manual:	https://www.bluecrossvt.org/documents/cpp32-claims-editing-payment-policy-january-2026

Policy Name: CPP_47 Discarded Drugs and Biologicals (Professional and Facility)

Policy Type: Payment Policy

Summary:	Name changed from “Drug Wastage” to “Discarded Drugs and Biologicals (Professional & Facility)”. Policy statements remain unchanged. Additional policy language added to improve, define and clarify intent with specific examples. Update references.
Effective Date:	January 01, 2026
Link to Policy/ Manual:	https://www.bluecrossvt.org/documents/cpp47-discarded-drugs-and-biologicals-january-2026

Notice of Right to Object in Writing

In accordance with 18 V.S.A. § 9418c contracted providers have the right to object to new or modified policies and manuals.

Providers who object must do so within 60 days of the date the notice related to a policy or manual change. The rationale for the objection to the change must be in writing including related area(s) of the policy or manual and rationale or reasoning for the objection.

These objections are to be directed to Provider Contracting. This can be done by email at: providercontracting@bcbsvt.com or US Postal Service BCBSVT Attn: Provider Contracting, PO Box 186, Montpelier, VT 05601.

Within 5 business days of receipt, the sender will receive confirmation of receipt of the objection.