Pharmacy fee changes have been delayed one month



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Although our upcoming fee update will be implemented July 1, 2022, the pharmacy fee changes will not be effective until August 1, 2022. Please note, these pharmacy fees are *only* for drugs covered under medical and specialty pharmacy benefits.



What to do when the ID card says Blue High Performance Network (BlueHPN)

All other regularly scheduled quarterly updates

will be effective July 1, as announced in our May newsletter. You can preview these updates on the secure provider portal now.

To access the latest fee schedule updates, log in to azblue.com/providers and go to "Provider Resources > Guidelines > Claim Pricing." Select one of the "Fee Updates" links: ASC, Outpatient, Professional, Unclassified Drug, or Per Diem Base Rates.

About our proprietary fee schedule updates

Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona (BCBSAZ) commercial fee schedules are based on a number of pricing sources that can influence the need for changes. These include Medicare fee schedules, information derived from claims, competitive pricing data, and feedback from BCBSAZ network providers. Our fee updates reflect generally applicable market changes, such as CMS code changes, pricing for newly available drugs, fluctuations in prices for listed drugs, other market shifts, correction of over- or under-valued fees, and modifications based on ongoing utilization analysis.

For your convenience, we have formatted the fee update spreadsheets to include a sort filter on each column and an added column displaying the percentage of change in the total fee.

If you have questions regarding the pharmacy fee schedule implementation delay, contact your <u>provider liaison</u> or call Provider Partnerships at 602-864-4231 or 1-800-232-2345, ext. 4231.

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