

**Provider Bulletin**  
**June 1, 2009**

## **Inpatient Admission Policy Consistent with South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services**

**This provider bulletin updates BlueChoice HealthPlan Medicaid's Provider Operations Manual (Manual). You will see this policy reminder reflected in the "Institutional Claims and Billing" chapter of the next Manual update.**

### **Policy Reminder for Readmission within 30 Days of Discharge**

BlueChoice HealthPlan Medicaid wants you to be aware of an important policy related to hospital readmissions. Effective **June 1, 2009**, a hospital readmission within 30 days of discharge from an admission for a related diagnosis is no longer reimbursable as a separate admission.

This brings BlueChoice HealthPlan Medicaid's reimbursement policy for readmissions in line with that of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

**Please note that we will be recouping payment for any nonqualifying readmissions retroactive to June 1, 2008.**

### **New Address for Reimbursement**

Please note that we have a new address for your use in submitting reimbursement for overpayment:

**Attn: Cost Containment**  
**BlueChoice HealthPlan Medicaid**  
**File 51052**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90074-1052**

The address above cannot accept delivery of overnight packages. Please send overnight packages to the following address:

**Bank of America**  
**Lockbox Services - File 51052**  
**Ground Level**  
**1000 W. Temple Street**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90012**

### **Resources**

For more information, please call our Customer Care Center at **1-866-757-8286**.