

Lien Claim Payment Policy for Non-Participating Providers

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana
Service Operations Policy
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Scope This policy applies to all lines of business and self-insured groups (unless the employer group specifically requests otherwise). This policy does not apply to the Federal Employee Program or Medicare Advantage.

Purpose This policy establishes the responsibility of BCBSMT when a non-participating provider, who is allowed by Montana law, files a lien against a claim.

Policy BCBSMT honors liens filed by a non-participating provider when the lien is in writing and contains the following information:

- Nature of services (ICD-10-CM, CPT, HCPCS codes).
- For whom (Patient).
- When rendered (Date of service).
- The value of the services (Charge).
- A lien is requested (Lien identified on claim or attached notice of lien).

The check is payable to the member and the provider and is mailed to the member. Checks are mailed directly to dentists, oral surgeons, orthodontists, and periodontists instead of the member.

The following non-participating professional and facility providers are eligible to file a lien:

- Acupuncturists
 - Ambulances
 - Ambulatory Surgical Facilities (Surgery Centers)
 - Chiropractors
 - Dentists
 - Hospitals
 - Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors
 - Licensed Clinical Social Workers
 - Long Term Care Facility
 - Naturopathic Physicians
 - Nurses
 - Occupational Therapists
 - Optometrists
 - Physical Therapists
 - Physicians
 - Podiatrists
 - Psychologists
 - Rehabilitation Facility
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**Rationale/
Source**

This policy complies with requirements of the following:

- Mont. Code Ann. § 71-3-1111, et. seq.
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or Revision
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Governance

Responsibility for adoption and/or implementation of this policy is as follows:

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