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Washington Professional Fee Schedule Mid-level Practitioner Update Effective March 1, 2013

Premera Blue Cross is implementing an update to the March 1, 2012, News Brief, "Washington Professional Fee Schedule Update." Premera will reimburse mid-level practitioner professional services at 85% of the medical fee schedule effective for dates of service starting March 1, 2013. This change will align Premera with how the industry and Medicare reimburse for these practitioners. This update applies to claims for all Premera companies and commercial products.

Impacted practitioners include Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants and Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners who perform services in settings other than those listed on the reverse side of this News Brief. Effective March 1, 2013, all impacted practitioners must:

- Bill for services under his/her own name.
- Complete the credentialing process as part of our ongoing commitment to quality – not applicable to delegated credentialed groups. Credentialed providers will be advertised in Premera's online "Find a Doctor" directory (as applicable). Please read the following information before proceeding any further:
 - ProviderSource is Premera's preferred method of receiving credentialing information. If you have completed the online ProviderSource application or are in the process of completing the online ProviderSource application, please email us at credentialing.updates@premera.com or call the credentialing department at 425-918-5080.
 - If you would like more information about the online ProviderSource application, go to onehealthport.com and click on the *Provider Credentialing Data Collection* link (onehealthport.com/services/providersource) under *Administrative Simplification Tools*. You can also upload all the necessary documents (e.g., license, DEA, malpractice) as part of the credentialing process.
 - If you are completing the online paper application available at premera.com/provider, please complete it within 30 days of receiving this notification, and mail, email or fax all requested information to the address below. Please assure that all sections of the application are completed and all attachments are returned.

Credentialing.Updates@Premera.com
Provider Credentialing Department
PO Box 327, MS 263
Seattle, WA 98111-0327
Fax: 425-918-4766



If you have any questions regarding the credentialing process, please contact the Credentialing Department at 425-918-5080. Please leave a message at this number and your phone call will be returned.

If you have questions regarding the fee schedule update, please call Physician and Provider Relations at 877-342-5258, option 4.

Please post or circulate this News Brief in your office.



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Non-impacted Practitioners Based on Excluded Setting/Specialty

Practitioner	Setting/Specialty
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	<p>Setting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Mental Health Center • Certified Mental Health Agency • Urgent Care • Hospital <p>Specialty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) • Midwives • Surgical Assists
<i>Physician Assistants</i>	<p>Setting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Mental Health Center • Certified Mental Health Agency • Urgent Care • Hospital <p>Specialty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surgical Assists
<i>Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners</i>	<p>Setting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Mental Health Center • Certified Mental Health Agency • Urgent Care • Hospital <p>Specialty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) • Midwives • Surgical Assists