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Update

New Payment Methodology

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama has delayed implementation of the December 1, 2009 payment methodology changes. This postponement includes the changes outlined in the August 2009 *ProviderFacts* 2009-015 and described on our web site. Included in this delay are the Preferred Medical Doctor (PMD) fee schedule changes, National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edits and site-of-service payment differentials.

We remain committed to the principles of the new payment methodology and intend to announce fee schedule and processing changes by July 1, 2010. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama will continue to engage physician leadership throughout the state to further improve the quality and costs of healthcare in Alabama during this transition period.

Please refer to the New Payment Methodology section on our web site at bcbsal.com/providers/newpaymentmethodology if you have any questions or contact your Network Services Representative.

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