



**Independence  
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*A message to  
Business Office Managers*

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**TO:** Independence Blue Cross Participating Hospitals in Pennsylvania and Delaware

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**SUBJECT: BILLING UPDATES: CORRELATION TABLES, FEE SCHEDULES,  
AND DRGS**

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Independence Blue Cross (IBC) is sending this bulletin to explain changes that will occur to the correlation tables and fee schedules and also provide updates and clarification of existing pricing. Please contact your network coordinator with questions.

#### CORRELATION TABLES AND FEE SCHEDULES

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Effective September 1, 2007, IBC will make the following additions to the correlation tables and fee schedules:

- Thirty-seven minor procedure codes will be added to the emergency room (ER) correlation table and fee schedule. No separate pricing will be assigned to these procedures as ER remains an all-inclusive service.
- One procedure will be added to the pharmacy fee schedule to add pricing for a new code.
- Three procedures will be added to the radiology fee schedule because the coverage status changed from experimental/investigational services to covered services.
- One procedure will be added to the radiation therapy fee schedule because the code is a replacement code.
- Four procedures will be added to the surgical fee schedule because they are new codes or newly priced codes.

#### OCTOBER 1, 2007 CMS DRG UPDATES

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IBC is aware of these upcoming changes and is actively preparing for them. We will provide additional information regarding these changes in September 2007.

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**We encourage you to share this information with appropriate members of your staff.**

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For copies of the specific changes or the entire correlation table,  
please contact your network coordinator.