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- F – Facility
- A – Ancillary

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Keep your information up to date July 2009	P, F, A
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Routine costs associated with qualifying clinical trials November 2009	P
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Highmark and Independence Blue Cross withdraw applications to combine February 2009	P, F, A
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Keep your information up to date January 2009	P, F, A
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June 2009

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October 2009

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March 2009

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March 2009

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Reminder: Restriction on value codes for UB-04 paper claim forms July 2009	F, A
Reminder: Submit Coordination of Benefits information electronically March 2009 April 2009 May 2009	P, F, A
Reporting services using modifier -50 September 2009 <i>Reminder article was published in:</i> December 2009	P
Revenue codes that will require a HCPCS/CPT[®] code January 1, 2010 December 2009	F
Upcoming audits to investigate trends in questionable billing July 2009	P, F, A
Updated billing requirements for Avastin[®] in ophthalmological use October 2009	P, F, A

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December 2009

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Complete and submit the *Inside IPP* web survey before time runs out F, A
July 2009

Fall 2009 edition of *Inside IPP* now available F, A
October 2009

***Inside IPP* provider web survey coming soon** F, A
June 2009

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Spring 2009 – Inside IPP

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Healthy LifestylesSM Keys to Wellness encourages and supports healthy behaviors in members September 2009	P, F, A
Healthy LifestylesSM Rewards: A new approach to wellness by incenting members August 2009	P, F, A
How our member portal helps your patients May 2009	P, F, A
Local study helps gauge attitudes and behaviors among health care consumers June 2009	P, F, A

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Update on the ICD-10 timeframe January 2009	P, F, A

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Baby BluePrints[®] goes green August 2009	P, F, A
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Clinical criteria used for utilization management determinations December 2009	P, F, A
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Enhancements made to the provider interactive voice response system March 2009 <i>Reminder article was published in:</i> April 2009	P, F, A
Guidelines for spinal surgical procedure requests November 2009	P
Mandated coverage for autism spectrum disorders June 2009 <i>Reminder articles were published in:</i> July 2009 August 2009	P, F, A
Medicare members must receive notice of noncovered/excluded services and member payment responsibility January 2009 Enclosure – Notice of Denial of Medical Coverage	P, F, A
New federal mental health and substance abuse parity mandate July 2009	P, F, A
New federal mental health and substance abuse parity mandate effective October 3, 2009 October 2009	P, F, A
OB/GYN copayment and product information for routine and nonroutine services July 2009	P

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PHCQA's initiative to relay hospital measures to patients January 2009	P, F, A
Place of service for diagnostic coronary procedures November 2009	P, F
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Reminder: Changes to precertification requirements for most outpatient mental health services January 2009	P

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Reminder: Ordering providers must utilize capitated providers for HMO and POS members November 2009	P, F, A
Reminder: Referrals not needed for services provided through Direct Access OB/GYNSM January 2009	P, F
Reminder: Transition to all-electronic authorization inquiry and submission continues January 2009	P, F, A
Retail health clinics offer convenient access to care February 2009	P, F, A
Take Care Clinics now available to Personal Choice[®] PPO members September 2009	P, F, A
The Preventable Serious Adverse Events Act update August 2009	P, F, A
Timely submission of maternity patient questionnaires important for early outreach January 2009	P
<i>Reminder articles were posted in:</i> April 2009 June 2009 August 2009 December 2009 (Administrative)	

NAVINET[®]

Change your practice information through the NaviNet web portal December 2009	P
Clinical Alerts – Helping providers identify gaps in care November 2009	P

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Clinical Alerts coming soon to NaviNet February 2009 <i>Reminder article was posted in:</i> April 2009	P, F, A
Clinical Alerts now available on the NaviNet web portal May 2009	P, F
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New Clinical Alerts are now available December 2009	P
Provider Satisfaction Survey: Deadline extended until December 18 December 2009	P, F, A
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Good 2 B Me website educates adolescents and their parents on health and wellness September 2009	P, F, A
New search feature available on ibx.com July 2009 (Web News)	P, F, A
Redesigned "For Providers" section of ibx.com coming soon September 2009	P, F, A

PHARMACY

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Annual Synagis[®] (palivizumab) distribution program September 2009 October 2009	P, F, A
Changes to self-injectable drug coverage effective January 1, 2010 December 2009 <i>Enclosure</i> – Specialty Drugs Requiring Precertification	P, F, A
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Updating Safe Prescribing Procedures to include narcotics March 2009	P, F, A
Use direct ship for specialty injectable and specialty oral medication therapies July 2009	P, F, A
Valid NDC required on claims submitted for drugs (e.g., J codes and other drug codes) January 2009 (Specialty Pharmacy)	P, F, A

PREVENTIVE HEALTH / HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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Clinical Practice Guidelines now available November 2009	P, F, A
ConnectionsSM AccordantCareTM Program assists physicians in providing evidence-based care for complex conditions October 2009	P
ConnectionsSM AccordantCareTM Resource Specialists provide assistance to patients with complex conditions May 2009	P, F, A
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Encourage members to receive colorectal cancer screenings March 2009	P, F, A
Evolving colorectal cancer screening options: Helping your patients decide April 2009	P
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How the ConnectionsSM program can help your patients with antihypertensive treatment November 2009	P
Independence Blue Cross receives the 2008 AHIP recognition award for its adolescent immunization program April 2009	P
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Online immunization schedules for newborns and children now available July 2009	P
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PREVENTIVE HEALTH / HEALTH AND WELLNESS (CONTINUED)

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- Discontinuation of the Keystone 65 Complete plan for special needs members** **P, F, A**
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- Medicare Advantage plan offerings for 2010** **P, F, A**
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Aged claims affect plans and their partner plans

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Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association regulations for member ID cards

Summer 2009

Blue Distinction[®] designation for delivering quality health care

Winter 2009

BlueExchange[®] enhances the BlueCard[®] business process

Summer 2009

BlueSquared[®] facilitates Inter-Plan business processes and messaging services for Home and Host plans

Fall 2009

Complete and submit the *Inside IPP* web survey before time runs out

Summer 2009

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Winter 2009

Factors determining pre-existing medical condition exclusions

Winter 2009

***Inside IPP* provider survey coming soon**

Spring 2009

***Inside IPP* survey findings and suggestions**

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Inter-Plan escalation process assists with timely and efficient resolution of BlueCard[®] claims

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Line, dollar, and unit expansion for claims

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NDC submission changes for institutional providers

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New federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act effective October 3, 2009

Fall 2009

New initiatives: Coordination of Benefits processing changes

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Spring 2009

Precertification/preauthorization required for diagnostic imaging services

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Reminder: Blues move to automatic crossover for all Medicare claims

Spring 2009

Reminder: Submitting the BlueCard® *Coordination of Benefits Questionnaire* for out-of-area members

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Requesting medical records provides resolution in BlueCard® claims issues

Winter 2009

State and federal mandates affect benefits

Summer 2009

Submitting the BlueCard® *Coordination of Benefits Questionnaire* for out-of-area members

Spring 2009

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