

# Value-based reimbursement for specialists: An overview



Specialists in the Physician Group Incentive Program who meet defined performance criteria can receive value-based reimbursement.

## Performance criteria

### Specialists must:

- Be a physician, chiropractor, podiatrist or fully licensed psychologist
- Participate in PGIP for at least one year
- Be nominated by their physician organization
- Meet performance rankings on measures of quality and cost set by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

## Population and performance measures

All specialists are ranked according to at least three population-level measures of cost and quality.

1. A population-level per member per month cost measure
2. A population-level cost difference measure (the change in population-level cost from the prior measurement year)
3. A population-level global quality index, a single composite score based on numerous measures of quality of care

### Blue Cross has additional specialty-specific performance measures for 13 specialties:

allergy, cardiology, emergency medicine, endocrinology, gastroenterology, nephrology, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, oncology, orthopedics, otolaryngology, pulmonology and rheumatology. Contact your physician organization for more information.

Contact your physician organization for more information. Contact your Blue Cross provider consultant for information about joining PGIP.

## Value-based reimbursement opportunities for specialists

### Specialists — non-pediatric practices

Practices in top third of practices	Practices in second third of practices
110 percent of standard fee schedule	105 percent of standard fee schedule

### Specialists — pediatric practices

Practices in top half of practices	Practices in second half of practices
110 percent of standard fee schedule	105 percent of standard fee schedule

## Payment timeline

Measurement period	Reimbursement period (applicable to claims for the dates of service below)*
June 1, 2014 to June 1, 2015	March 1, 2016 to February 1, 2017

\*For select procedure codes

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