

STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama (Blue Cross) cross-processor reads only FL 67 to trigger payment of claims. In addition, Blue Cross' payer policies related to Z codes require the ICD-10 diagnosis codes to be sequenced by sometimes placing a secondary diagnosis code in FL 67, rather than the primary Z code or other designated principal diagnosis code, in order to receive reimbursement for services provided. In addition, depending on the member's benefits, some services that are provided to the facility outpatient on the same day should be billed on separate claims to allow appropriate principal diagnoses and benefit application for each claim. Until permanent cross-processor solutions are implemented and payer policy revisions are completed, providers should continue to adhere to Blue Cross payer policies.

(Reference Coding Clinic 3 Q 2000, p. 14)

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