



**BlueCross BlueShield  
of Illinois**

# Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois Provider Manual

## HMO Scope of Benefits Section

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, a Division of Health Care Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal Reserve Company,  
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## Laboratory Tests

### Benefit

All laboratory and pathology procedures performed in any inpatient or outpatient setting are in benefit when ordered by a PCP, WPHCP or other managing physician.

### Interpretation

HMO pays for the facility charges for laboratory and pathology services (i.e., blood tests, cultures, frozen sections and pathology on specimens) for inpatient hospitalizations and outpatient surgery at a hospital or outpatient surgical facility. The professional component is the portion of the diagnostic procedures charged for the physician's services. If the IPA refers a member for laboratory or pathology services, and the lab/pathology provider sends a portion of the processing and/or reading to another lab/pathology vendor, the IPA remains responsible for all services performed.

<b>Paid by</b>	<b>Outpatient Laboratory and Pathology Services</b>	
	Facility Charges	<b>IPA</b>
	Professional Charges	<b>IPA</b>

<b>Paid by</b>	<b>Inpatient Facility and/or Outpatient Surgical Facility Laboratory and Pathology Services</b>	
	Facility Charges	<b>HMO</b>
	Professional Charges	<b>IPA</b>

**Please note:** The above facility/professional services are HMO financial risk for specific NBPP (Blue Precision) eligible plans as outlined in the Provider Manual. Please refer to HMO Claims Processing section (Page 5).