



BCBSIL Makes Changes to Blue Precision HMOSM Plans

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Your Medical Group may be getting questions from some Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL) members in the Blue Precision HMO individual plan concerning their coverage for 2016. We wanted to provide some clarification for you, so that you can discuss these changes with your staff and patients.

Our plans are reviewed and updated each year to make any needed changes for the coming year. For 2016, changes were needed to align with the actuarial values set by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Sometimes, the changes warrant filing a new plan rather than revising an existing plan. This was the case for all our 2015 Blue Precision individual plans and some small group Blue Precision HMO plans.

We discontinued the 2015 versions of the Blue Precision HMO plan. Renewing 2016 enrollees will automatically be moved to the new versions of this plan. The replacement plans will be the same network, have the same level of benefits and at the same metallic level. Medical Group assignments will stay the same, as well. However, we are asking members to go to StayBlueIL.com to confirm that the Medical Group information is correct.

Under CMS's passive enrollment process, a consumer is automatically renewed into the same plan or most similar plan (if their existing plan is being discontinued), unless they choose to enroll in different coverage during the open enrollment period. The passive enrollment process helps to ensure that the consumer does not experience an undesired or unexpected break in coverage that could impact their medical care, while continuing to allow exploration of other available coverage options. You should not experience any break in coverage for your current patients in the Blue Precision HMO as a result of the transition to the new plan for 2016.

Members have been formally notified of the replacement of their 2015 plan with a comparable new plan.

For your information, the plans are mapped in this way:

| 2015 Plan Name | 2016 Plan Name |
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| Blue Precision Platinum HMO SM 004 | Blue Precision Platinum HMO 104 |
| Blue Precision Gold HMO SM 001 | Blue Precision Gold HMO 101 |
| Blue Precision Silver HMO SM 002 | Blue Precision Silver HMO 102 |
| Blue Precision Bronze HMO SM 003 | Blue Precision Bronze HMO 103 |
| Blue Precision Gold HMO 005 | Blue Precision Gold HMO 105 |
| Blue Precision Gold HMO 006 | Blue Precision Gold HMO 101 |
| Blue Precision Silver HMO 002 | Blue Precision Silver HMO 102 |
| Blue Precision Bronze HMO 003 | Blue Precision Bronze HMO 103 |
| Blue Precision Platinum HMO 004 | Blue Precision Platinum HMO 104 |
| Blue Precision Gold HMO 005 | Blue Precision Gold HMO 105 |