

Special Bulletin

For professional and facility providers

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Medicare Advantage: How to Bill for Out-of-Area Members

All Blue Medicare Advantage (MA) PPO Plans participate in reciprocal network sharing. Under this Inter-Plan arrangement, Blue Medicare Advantage PPO members will receive in-network benefits when traveling or living in the service area of any other participating Blue MA PPO Plan.

As long as covered services are provided by participating MA PPO providers, the member's in-network benefit level will apply.

Medicare Advantage Claims Submission

Medicare Advantage is a separate program from BlueCard and delivered through its own centrally administered platform. However, claims for all out-of-area Blue Plan MA members are still submitted to your local Highmark plan under your current billing practices. You will receive payment from your local Highmark plan.

Additional Resource

For more information on filing MA PPO Network Sharing claims with Highmark, please visit the *Highmark Provider Manual*: [2.2 Medicare Advantage PPO Network Sharing](#) on the Provider Resource Center.

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