

Frequently asked questions: LLPs and LMFTs

For Blue Cross commercial, Blue Care Network commercial and BCN AdvantageSM

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This document is intended to clarify questions about requirements for limited-licensed psychologists, or LLPs, and licensed marriage and family therapists, or LMFTs.

Questions and answers

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	LLPs and LMFTs	Other limited- licensed providers	LLPs and LMFTs	Other limited-licensed providers		
Can the provider enroll directly?	Yes	No	Yes	No		
Can the provider be part of a participating group?	Yes	Not applicable	Yes	Not applicable		
What type of contract can be held by the provider?	Individual	Not applicable	Group	Not applicable		



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In which networks can the provider participate?	Traditional Note: PPO Trust members can be seen only if the provider participates with the Traditional network. For providers who do not participate with the Traditional network, the services are considered out of network.	Not applicable	BCN commercial and BCN Advantage	Not applicable
Can the provider bill under supervision?	Yes Note: If billing under a fully licensed psychologist or under a physician (MD/DO), the supervising provider's NPI must be used and the appropriate modifier (HO or AJ) is required.		No	Yes, but the provider must be in an OPC and: • LLMSWs must work under an LMSW. • LLPCs must work under an LPC or LP. • LLMFTs and TLLPs must work under an LP. The medical record must include the signature and credentials of the supervisor, as applicable.
Is a modifier required?	No, for direct billing. Yes, when billing under supervision. Use the HO modifier .	Yes Use the following: HO modifier: LLPCs, LLMFTs, TLLPs Note: LPCs must also use the HO modifier. AJ modifier: LLMSWs Note: LMSWs must also use the AJ modifier.	Yes. Use the HO modifier.	Yes, but the provider must be in an OPC. Use the following: HO modifier: LLPCs, LLMFTs, TLLPs AJ modifier: LLMSWs



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For additional assistance

If you need additional assistance, call one of these numbers:

- Provider Inquiry at 1-800-344-8525 (professional providers) or 1-800-249-5103 (facilities)
- Provider Enrollment and Data Management at 1-800-822-2761.

If you still have questions, contact your provider consultant. To determine which consultant you should contact, do the following:

- 1. Visit bcbsm.com/providers.
- 2. Click Contact Us (at the top of the page).
- 3. Under the "Hospitals and Facilities" or "Physicians and Professionals" heading, click either *Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan provider contacts* or *Blue Care Network provider contacts*.
- 4. Click Provider consultants.
- 5. Click on the appropriate region.