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Requirements for providing behavioral health services to Blue Cross commercial members

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First, locate your provider type, then find your practice setting below (Solo/Group Practice or Substance Abuse/OPC)

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Provider Type (Education)	License / certification	Solo or group practices			Substance use disorder		Outpatient psychiatric care facility (OPC)		
		Direct Participation	May bill under another licensed specialty ⁽¹⁾	Modifier Required (For billing under supervision only) Effective 6/1/18	Direct Participation	May bill under another licensed specialty ⁽¹⁾	Payable in an OPC	May bill under another licensed specialty ⁽¹⁾	Modifier Required
Psychiatrist (MD/DO)	Board certified or Board Eligible	Yes	No		Yes	No	Yes	No	Leave blank
Psychologist (PhD., EdD, or PsyD) (Master's)	FLP - Full license	Yes	No		Yes	No	Yes	No	AH
	LLP - Limited license Psychologist	Yes	Yes	HO	No	Yes (MD/DO or FLP)	Yes	No	HO
	TLLP - Temporary Limited license	No	Yes	HO	No	Yes (MD/DO or FLP)	No	Yes (MD/DO or FLP)	
Social Worker (MSW)	LMSW - Full license	Yes	Yes	AJ	Yes	Yes (MD/DO or FLP)	Yes	No	AJ
	LLMSW - Limited license	No	Yes	AJ	No	Yes (MD/DO, FLP, or LMSW)	No	Yes (MD/DO, FLP, or LMSW)	
Counselor (Master's)	LPC - Full license	Yes	Yes	HO	Yes	Yes (MD/DO or FLP)	Yes	No	HO
	LLPC - Limited license	No	Yes	HO	No	Yes (MD/DO, FLP or LPC)	No	Yes (MD/DO, FLP or LPC)	
Marriage & Family Therapist (Master's)	LMFT - Full license	Yes	Yes	HO	Yes	Yes (MD/DO or FLP)	Yes	No	HO
	LLMFT - Limited License	No	Yes	HO	No	Yes (MD/DO, FLP or LMFT)	No	Yes (MD/DO, FLP or LMFT)	
Licensed Behavioral Analyst (Master's)	LBA - Licensed behavioral analyst	Yes	No		Yes	No	No	No	
Nurse Practitioner (Master's)	CNP - Certified Nurse Practitioner license	Yes	Yes (MD, DO)		Yes	Yes (MD/DO)	Yes	No	HO
	ARNP - Advanced Registered NP license	Yes	Yes (MD, DO)		Yes	Yes (MD/DO or CNP)	No	Yes (MD/DO or CNP)	
Clinical Nurse Specialist	CNS - Clinical nurse specialist	Yes	Yes (MD, DO)		Yes	Yes (MD/DO)	Yes	No	HO

	license/certification								
Physician Assistant (Master's)	PA - Physician's Assistant license	Yes	Yes (MD, DO)		Yes	Yes (MD/DO)	No	Yes (MD/DO)	

Note: This information is subject to change. For complete billing guidelines, see the Blue Cross PPO commercial provider manual "Psychiatric Care Services" chapter.

⁽¹⁾ There are some nonphysician mental health practitioners with whom Blue Cross does not currently participate. However, these professionals can provide covered services when supervised by qualified supervising professionals.