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Hospice Billing Code Update

Effective February 1, 2006 Premera Blue Cross is implementing a change in the hospice fee schedule. Currently a claim for per diem outpatient services can be billed with either revenue code 651 or 652. We are eliminating the use of revenue code 652 for these services.

For claims processed after February 1, 2006, use revenue code 651 when billing the per diem for outpatient hospice services.

Note: For hourly respite care continue to utilize revenue code 661 for a nurse and 662 for an aide.

For claims related questions, please call the member's Customer Service department at the number on the back of their ID card. Please contact our Provider Relations team at 1-877-342-5258, option 4, for questions about this news brief.

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