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## OVERVIEW

This policy documents Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island (BCBSRI) Provider Transparency.

NOTE: The effective date of this policy relates to the date BCBSRI created documentation to reflect reimbursement processes that are established and does not indicate a change in the payment process.

## MEDICAL CRITERIA

Not applicable

## PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Not applicable

## POLICY STATEMENT

### Medicare Advantage Plans and Commercial Products

BCBSRI and its Providers shall treat the terms of contracts as confidential information and shall not disclose the terms of these agreements to any other party, except attorneys, accountants and consultants in their course of business with either BCBSRI or the Provider, unless required by state or federal law or as required to support BCBSRI's business or regulatory needs including but not limited to transparency programs. A request by a state or federal agency will be deemed to be a requirement of state or federal law. The parties shall provide each other with reasonable notice where possible of any such disclosures required by state or federal law.

## COVERAGE

Not applicable

## BACKGROUND

BCBSRI supports transparency and believes that disclosing data to consumers and patients regarding the cost of healthcare services is critical to improving our healthcare system and that cost and quality transparency is required to improve affordability.

## CODING

Not applicable

## RELATED POLICIES

None

## PUBLISHED

Provider Update, September 2022  
Provider Update, February 2020  
Provider Update, June 2017  
Provider Update, May 2013

## REFERENCES:

None

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