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### **OVERVIEW**

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island's ("BCBSRI") Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan ("D-SNP") or BlueRI for Duals, is available to Rhode Islanders who qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid, serving people who need a high-level of support and care. BCBSRI covers interdisciplinary care team (ICT) meeting participation, designed to coordinate medical and behavioral health services for members within the plan. BCBSRI D-SNP care management representatives are required to participate in ICT meetings. Additional participants may include members and or their designees, BCBSRI care team associates, primary care providers, pharmacists, community partners and specialty providers. Specialty providers are an essential component of the care team/key participants interdisciplinary care team meeting and often lead critical therapeutic interventions for members and their support systems.

### **MEDICAL CRITERIA**

Not applicable

### **PRIOR AUTHORIZATION**

Not applicable

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

#### **Medicare Advantage Plans, BlueRI for Duals**

Specialists are identified and invited to participate in ICT case discussions by the BCBSRI D-SNP Care Team. Specialists who participate in ICT meetings are reimbursed for their participation and this policy outlines the instructions related to claim submission for these services.

#### **Commercial Products**

This policy does not apply to Commercial Products.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island maintains the right to audit the services provided to our members. All documentation must be available to BCBSRI upon request. ICT meetings are expected to be reflected in the member medical record following the same guidelines/documentation standards for other healthcare services. Failure to produce the requested information may result in denial or retraction of payment.

### **COVERAGE**

ICT meeting coverage and reimbursement is limited to D-SNP/BlueRI for Duals members.

### **BACKGROUND**

This policy is designed to optimize ICT meeting participation for specialists serving D-SNP members. ICT meetings help establish collaborative relationships with key specialists and reinforce the value of direct communication amongst the care team. For example, behavioral health specialists' participation is a critical component to addressing the comprehensive needs of this most vulnerable population and are encouraged to participate in ICT meetings.

### **CODING**

#### **Medicare Advantage Plans, BlueRI for Duals**

#### **Interdisciplinary Conferences:**

Include:

- Documentation, conference participation, contribution, and recommendations
- Face-to-face or teleconference participation from different specialties or disciplines is allowed by BCBSRI.

Exclude:

- Patient management services during the same month as (99424, 99425, 99426, 99247, 99437, 99439, 99490, 99491, 99487-99489)
- Time spent record keeping or writing report
- Other limitations as outlined by CPT

\*The following is covered when filed by a Specialist in support of a member with BlueRI for Duals coverage.

- **99366:** Medical Team Conference with ICT of healthcare professionals, with the patient and/or family, 30 minutes or more, participation by non-physician qualified healthcare professionals, excludes team conferences by physician with patient or family present, see appropriate E/M service code
- **99367:** Medical Team Conference with ICT of healthcare professionals, patient and/or family not present, 30 minutes or more; participation by a physician
- **99368:** Medical Team Conference with ICT team of healthcare professionals, patient and/or family not present, 30 minutes or more; participation by non-physician qualified healthcare professionals

\*Following CPT, ICT services of less than 30 min are not reimbursable.

## RELATED POLICIES

Not applicable

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## REFERENCES

1. CPT Optum 360 Professional 2022 Edition.

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