

**Payment Policy | BCBSRI use of Provider Performance data for Healthcare Operations**



**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 01|31|2013  
**POLICY LAST UPDATED:** 07|06|2015

## OVERVIEW

This policy documents Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island's (BCBSRI) use of Provider Performance Data.

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

## MEDICAL CRITERIA

Not applicable

## PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Not applicable

## POLICY STATEMENT

BCBSRI's network of individual practitioners, group practitioners, hospitals, and ancillary providers, which may include, but are not limited to: skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, acute substance abuse residential treatment centers, and rehabilitation facilities agree that BCBSRI may utilize provider performance data for health plan operations for all BCBSRI products. Examples of the use of provider performance data for health plan operations, include but are not limited to: quality improvement activities, credentialing activities, public reporting to consumers, preferred status designation in the network (tiering) where applicable, and cost-sharing for using preferred providers. Regarding initiatives that involve public reporting, BCBSRI will issue advance notice introducing the program to providers prior to implementation.

## COVERAGE

Not applicable

## BACKGROUND

It has been the standard practice of BCBSRI to utilize provider performance data in various initiatives and programs over the past several years. The policy statement above reinforces the practice that providers allow BCBSRI to use this performance data.

## CODING

Not applicable

## RELATED POLICIES

None

## PUBLISHED

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Provider Update, May 2014  
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## REFERENCES

Not applicable

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