# **Payment Policy |** BCBSRI Use of Provider Performance Data in Healthcare Operations



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# **OVERVIEW**

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

<u>NOTE</u>: 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.

#### **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 and public reporting to consumers. Regarding initiatives that involve public reporting, BCBSRI will issue advance notice introducing the program to providers prior to implementation.

# **MEDICAL CRITERIA**

None

#### **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 below reinforces the practice that providers allow BCBSRI to use this performance data

#### **COVERAGE**

BlueCHiP for Medicare | Commercial | Not applicable

## **CODING**

Not applicable

# **RELATED POLICIES**

None

# **PUBLISHED**

Provider Update June 2013

# **REFERENCES**

None

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