

BCBSM Specialty Valued Based Reimbursement Tip Sheet

What are Specialty Valued Based Reimbursements (VBR)?

- The VBR is the primary method for rewarding specialists in the BCBSM Physician Group Incentive Program (PGIP).
- This program rewards specialists who actively collaborate with PCPs and their physician organization leadership to:
 - Create improved systems and care processes
 - Implement evidence-based care
 - Promote efficient and effective care
- The fee-for-value-based specialty VBR is designed to reward specialists for collaborating with their community of caregivers to optimize use, efficiency and quality in their shared patient populations.
- The measures BCBSM uses to select which specialists receive the VBR are population-based (not practice or provider) and reward specialists who serve patient populations with higher overall performance.
 - In 2016, a global quality index score is included in all specialist uplift calculations. This score combines numerous metrics to assess quality of care across multiple dimensions of care.

Number of physicians within The Physician Alliance who earned VBR:

Year	# Specialists Nominated	# Specialists with VBR	# Practices Nominated	# Practices with VBR	% Nominated Specialist who received VBR	% of total specialists who received VBR
2013	370	140	99	38	38%	14%
2014	607	575	185	164	95%	69%
2015	883	755	291	250	86%	78%
2016	888	809	291	250	91%	82%

Eligibility criteria

- Be nominated by the PO(s) with whom specialist has a shared patient population (Member PO and Principle Partner PO)
- To be eligible the specialist must:
 - Be a member of one PGIP Physician Organization
 - Sign a Primary Care-Specialist Agreement for all POs (Member PO and Principle Partner PO)
 - Primary Care Specialist Agreement is a defined set of care coordination agreements that facilitate improved coordination and integration which will result in higher quality and more efficient population health management/care.
- Eligibility for RVU VBR is determined on an annual basis with an effective date of March 1st
- The VBR applies for RUV billing for only PPO/Traditional Commercial claims

Determination of uplift amounts:

- In 2016, the opportunity for VBR is in the top 2/3 of the ranked specialists:
 - Adults - the top 2/3 of ranked fully nominated **adult** specialty physicians will receive an uplift. The top 1/3 will receive a 10 % uplift and the second 1/3 will receive a 5 % uplift.
 - Pediatrics – the top 1/2 of ranked fully nominated **pediatric** specialty practices will received a 10 % fee uplift and the bottom 1/2 will receive a 5 % uplift.