



BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois

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 for Producers

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## **New Rates and Extended Policy Benefit Periods for Temporary Policies Are Available Now** [Individual Markets]

The Aug. 1, 2012, rates for new and renewing **SelectTEMP<sup>®</sup> PPO** policies for one-to-six month benefit period options are continued for effective dates Feb 1, 2013, and later. Now, for effective dates Feb. 1, 2013, or later, a new benefit period option of up to 11 months is available.

### **Important information you should know:**

- Members no longer have to satisfy a 60-day waiting period between the second and third benefit periods before applying for additional coverage. Plus, there is **no limit in the number of benefit period options** a member can have, as long as they are approved through underwriting.
- Rates for the one-to-six month benefit periods are not changing.

If you are not familiar with temporary policies from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, consider the advantages of offering **SelectTEMP PPO** to clients who are between jobs or find COBRA to be too expensive:

- Office visits, lab and X-ray services
- Emergency care, hospital stays, surgery
- Outpatient mail order prescription drugs
- Six deductibles levels, from \$500 to \$5,000
- PPO provider network
- No provider claims to file in most cases
- Pay with a credit card, and be covered as early as the next day!

### **Supporting documents to help you sell SelectTEMP PPO policies:**

(You may need to cut and paste the URL into your Web browser.)

- **Sales flier:** 31939.0213  
<http://marcom.mt-ap.net/pindownload/login.do?pin=96N07>
- **SelectTEMP PPO Rate Guide:** 31478.0213  
<http://marcom.mt-ap.net/pindownload/login.do?pin=OHC00>
- **Enrollment application:** 31323.0812  
<http://marcom.mt-ap.net/pindownload/login.do?pin=9UT68>  
(Outdated enrollment applications cannot be accepted after **Wednesday, March 6, 2013.**)
- **Outline of Coverage:** 30283.0812  
<http://marcom.mt-ap.net/pindownload/login.do?pin=5MJMZ>

If you have additional questions about this change, please call toll-free **866-446-4353**, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT, and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CT. Email your questions anytime to [cmproducerservices@bcbstx.com](mailto:cmproducerservices@bcbstx.com) and receive a response no later than the next business day.