

PROVIDER NETWORK

Updated Provider Manuals Now Available

Louisiana Blue released the updated provider manuals for use in 2026. These manuals include policy changes, new authorization lists and other reimbursement changes. Please review them carefully to understand the changes that will apply for services on and after Jan. 1, 2026.

Where to Find the 2026 Manuals

Go to our Provider page (www.lablue.com/providers), click on "Resources," and look under "Manuals" to access the new "2026" titled versions of the following:

- [Professional Provider Office Manual](#) – includes policies, extensive billing guidelines, general policies, authorization lists and more for professional providers.
- [Member Provider Policy & Procedure Manual](#) – includes policies, extensive billing guidelines, general policies, authorization lists and more for facilities.
- [The BlueCard® Program Manual](#) – designed to aid you in servicing members of a Blue Plan other than Louisiana Blue. These members are referred to as BlueCard members.
- [Dental Network Office Manual](#) – includes information needed as a participant in our dental networks for filing medical services. It is for network dentists and office staff.

Summary of Changes

To help you understand how the updates may impact your practice or organization, there is a Summary of Changes section in the back of each manual. It outlines the updates that apply beginning Jan. 1, 2026. Please carefully review this section in each manual.

Updated Authorization Lists

The professional and facility manuals include updated lists of services that will require prior authorization for dates of service on and after Jan. 1, 2026.

New Codes for 2026

The 2026 manual includes updated CPT®, HCPCS and ICD codes released as of Oct. 1, 2025. When the American Medical Association (AMA) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) release the 2026 codes, Louisiana Blue will review and revise these manuals accordingly and as applicable.