



## **Medi-Cal and Healthy Families**

### **State Sponsored Program Emergency Contraceptive Pharmacy Program**

Effective January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003, Blue Cross of California network pharmacists will be reimbursed a fee of \$20.00 for each Emergency Contraceptive (EC) consultation performed for a BCC State Sponsored Programs member. Pharmacists will need to meet the requirements listed below and submit the appropriate form to BCC Pharmacy Management for reimbursement.

The Emergency Contraceptive Pharmacy Program for BCC SSP will apply only to members within Medi-Cal and Healthy Families programs. Currently, California state law (SB1169) allows for the prescribing and dispensing of emergency contraception by a California registered pharmacist who has been certified to prescribe emergency contraception under protocol.

#### **Requirements:**

The pharmacist shall ensure the following, in accordance with California State Legislation (SB1169):

- The Pharmacist initiating the EC consultation has completed specified EC training approved by the California State Board of Pharmacy.
- The pharmacist initiated EC drug therapy is in accordance with protocols authorized by prescribers acting within their scope of practice.
- The pharmacist has provided the EC recipient with a standardized fact sheet developed by the California State board of Pharmacy.

#### **Claims Processing:**

- EC medication is payable through if the medication is on formulary.
- For Pharmacist Prescribing/Consultation claim: Pharmacist must complete the EC documentation form and a Blue Cross Pharmacy Claim form and submit these documents with a duplicate of the original EC (limited to Preven and Plan B) receipts.
- The reimbursement fee will be keyed by Blue Cross as a paper claim with all of the original prescription information and will be paid in the standard payment cycle.
- Claims will be subject to audit to verify certification.

For questions about the program, please call WellPoint Pharmacy Management Customer Service at 1-800-700-2541.

Sincerely,

Blue Cross Pharmacy Management