



## **Billing for Non-Medically Necessary, Experimental or Investigational Services**

For dates of service beginning April 21, 2009 and continuing through May 31, 2011, Participating Physicians may bill members for services determined by CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield (CareFirst) and CareFirst BlueChoice, Inc. (CareFirst BlueChoice) to be non-medically necessary, experimental or investigational if the Participating Physician provides the member with advance written notice. The advance written notice must contain the following information:

- A description of the proposed service;
- A statement that CareFirst or CareFirst BlueChoice may deem the proposed service to be Not Medically Necessary or Experimental or Investigative;
- The estimated cost of the proposed service; and
- A written acknowledgement by the member of financial responsibility for the proposed service, if determined to be Not Medically Necessary or Experimental or Investigative by CareFirst.

If the Participating Physician does not obtain an advance written notice that contains all of the required information and that is signed and dated by the member, the member shall be held harmless from financial responsibility for services determined by CareFirst or CareFirst BlueChoice to be non-medically necessary, experimental or investigational.

The statements mentioned above do not apply under any of the following conditions:

- The Participating Physician is not an MD or DO.
- The member is an FEP member.
- The claim is a BlueCard claim.