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Important Information for Our Health Care Provider Partners

To: Participating Chiropractors and Physical Therapists
Date: July 1, 2023
Subject: \$200 Honorarium Available for Spine Health Program Training

Excellus BlueCross BlueShield is pleased to let you know about its updated, nationally recognized, and widely adopted spine health program training. Recent clinical research and direct interaction with Stanford University, University of California, San Francisco, Duke University, University of Pittsburgh, among others, resulted the pathway workshop update, which is now **fully online/on-demand**. The workshop focuses on early-contact practitioners and engaging patients in a biopsychosocial, evidence-based, community-wide spine care pathway.

Upon completion of the updated online training, you will have access and support available through our online learning collaborative, called the Primary Spine Provider Network (PSPN), a platform developed by Spine Care Partners, LLC, an independent company, and Excellus BCBS. At PSPN, you will find various clinical workshops, a rapidly expanding downloadable toolbox of patient and provider resources, research updates, clinical case reviews, interviews with spine-thought leaders, blogs, and other approaches to sharing best practices.

Participating physical therapists and chiropractors are eligible to receive a **\$200 honorarium** for the remainder of 2023.

Honorarium requirements:

- **If you have never taken the training or took it prior to September 1, 2021 (live or online),** you will need to complete the full 12-hour self-paced online workshop.
 - Obtain or keep your Excellus BCBS Pathway Trained Provider status and access to PSPN by completing the updated training by December 31, 2023.
 - There is no cost to participating Excellus BCBS chiropractors and physical therapists to take the training. However, if continuing education (CE) is desired, there is a one-time \$50 accrediting institution fee for 12 CE credits. Note: CE is available even if you have previously taken the course.

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- Register for a new PSPN account at <https://pspn.app/excellus-dc-pt-registration>.



- **If you completed the updated online version on or after September 1, 2021.** we also have an opportunity for you to earn a \$200 honorarium by engaging with the PSPN.
 - Between July 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023, you will receive your honorarium in the mail once you have completed the **2023 Spine Training Update**. Completion takes less than two hours and includes various clinical video workshops such as research made real, or interviews with spine-thought leaders.
 - The **2023 Spine Training Update** can be found on your PSPN dashboard by logging in at <https://pspn.app/login>



If you are unsure when or if you completed training, or have further questions regarding the Spine Health Program, please contact: info@spinecarepartners.com