

# CLAIMS



South Carolina

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# AGENDA

- Claim Reminders
- Claim Tips
- Resources



# **CLAIM REMINDERS**



## HIGH DOLLAR PRE-PAYMENT REVIEW (HDPR)

The process of reviewing high dollar inpatient hospital claims.

Used to validate the services billed align with what was rendered.

## CRITERIA USED FOR HDPR

Inpatient institutional  
(acute care) claim

Claim has an allowed  
amount of \$100k or  
more

Any pricing  
methodologies except  
for per diem, flat-fee  
case rate and DRG

## GENERAL PROCESS OF AN HDPR

Provider submits their claim to BlueCross.

BlueCross confirms it's an inpatient claim with an allowance of \$100k or more.

A claim line with revenue code 0249 is added to the claim.

The claim line is denied with CARC 216 and RARC N183

An itemized bill is requested.

*Note: Review the Inpatient Non-Reimbursable Charge/Unbundling Policy guide on [www.SouthCarolinaBlues.com](http://www.SouthCarolinaBlues.com) for more information.*

# ITEMIZED BILLS

*Example of an acceptable itemized bill:*

| 42 Rev. Co. | 43 Description           | 44 HCPCS/Rate/HPPS Code | 45 Serv. Date | 46 Serv. Units | 47 Total Charges |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| 0250        | Dicyclomine 10 MG        |                         | 010322        | 1              | 27.00            |
| 0250        | Nitroglycerin 0.4 MG     |                         | 010322        | 1              | 28.73            |
| 0250        | Midazolam 10 MG          | J2250                   | 010322        | 2              | 29.09            |
| 0250        | Atorvastatin 40 MG       |                         | 010322        | 2              | 76.93            |
| 0272        | Catheter<br>Angiographic |                         | 010322        | 1              | 226.00           |

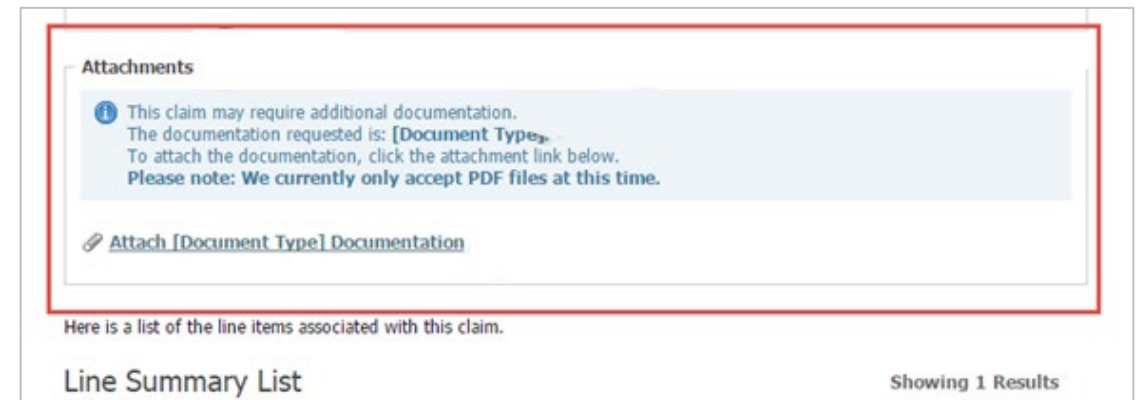
*Example of an unacceptable itemized bill:*

| 42 Rev. Co. | 43 Description   | 44 HCPCS/Rate/HPPS Code | 45 Serv. Date | 46 Serv. Units | 47 Total Charges |
|-------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| 0250        | Pharmacy         |                         |               | 336            | 7780.81          |
| 0272        | Sterile supplies |                         |               | 8              | 7680.40          |
| 0278        | Supply/implant   |                         | 010322        | 2              | 6385.00          |



# CLAIM ATTACHMENTS IN MY INSURANCE MANAGER<sup>SM</sup>

- Claim Attachments is a feature in My Insurance Manager that allows you to upload requested documentation directly into the portal for a claim.
  - 30 MB limit for each document.
- Documentation that can be uploaded includes:
  - Accident questionnaires
  - Certificate of medical necessity (for DME)
  - Medical records
  - Other health insurance
  - Primary explanation of benefits
  - Itemized bills



*Note: Review the “What You Need to Know About Claim Attachments” guide on [www.SouthCarolinaBlues.com](http://www.SouthCarolinaBlues.com) for more information.*

# LABORATORY SERVICES

- Avalon Healthcare Solutions manages the laboratory benefits on behalf of BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina and BlueChoice® HealthPlan.
- Access the current list of participating laboratories at [www.SouthCarolinaBlues.com](http://www.SouthCarolinaBlues.com)  
*Providers>Policies and Authorizations>Prior Authorization>Laboratory Medical Benefits*
- Before rendering lab services, review the Medical Policies pages to view the complete medical policy for specific labs to ensure the criteria is followed for coverage.

## *Benefits of reviewing medical policies:*

- Prevents delays in claims processing
- Ensures proper and timely payment
- Reduces the need for reconsiderations



# MEDICAL POLICY CRITERIA FOR LABORATORY SERVICES

| Policy Rule                               | Definition  |
|---|---|
| Experimental and investigational          | Procedure is not covered under the member's benefit due to exclusion                  |
| Demographic limitations                   | Limitations based on the member's age/sex   |
| Excessive procedure units                 | Total units within and across claims for a single date of service more than necessary |
| Excessive units per period of time        | Maximum allowable units within a defined period of time has been exceeded             |
| Insufficient time between procedures      | Minimum time required before a second procedure is warranted                          |
| Rendering provider limitations            | Providers/procedures not permitted in combination                                     |
| Diagnosis does not support test requested | Procedure was not appropriate for the clinical situation                              |
| Mutually exclusive codes                  | The procedure is not valid with other procedures on the same date of service          |

Examples of claims that rejected.

| Laboratory Test | Example  | Rejection Applied                    |
|-----------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Vitamin D       | Testing rendered two weeks after initiation of Vitamin D therapy | Insufficient time between procedures |
| Thyroid Disease | Testing of reverse T3, T3 uptake                                 | Experimental and investigational     |
| Testosterone    | Testing saliva for testosterone                                  | Experimental and investigational     |

# LOCATING MEDICAL POLICIES

The Medical Policies pages can be accessed through one of the following:

- [www.SouthCarolinaBlues.com](http://www.SouthCarolinaBlues.com)

*Providers>Medical Policies>Commercial and Contracted Plan Policies*

- [www.BlueChoiceSC.com](http://www.BlueChoiceSC.com)

*Providers>Medical Policies*

**Note: CPT and diagnosis codes listed on each medical policy are not a guarantee of payment but are included only as a general reference tool. They may not be all-inclusive.**

The screenshot displays the 'Medical Policies' webpage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for HOME, CONTACT US, ACCESSIBILITY, and DISCLAIMER. Below this is a search bar with the text 'Search...' and a magnifying glass icon. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains two sections: 'Category' and 'Date Posted'. The 'Category' section lists various medical categories with their respective counts in parentheses: Medicine (123), Administrative (25), Other (32), Durable Medical Equipment (39), Prescription Drug (83), Laboratory (139), Surgery (126), Therapy (80), Radiology (95), Mental Health (6), Ob/Gyn/Reproduction (10), and All (757). The 'Date Posted' section lists dates with their respective counts: October 2022 (1), September 2022 (1), August 2022 (3), July 2022 (2), 2021 (33), 2020 (58), 2019 (31), 2018 (23), and All (757). The right column displays a list of medical policies. Each policy entry includes the policy name, its category, and its effective date. The policies listed are: Abatacept (Orencia®) (Prescription Drug | April 1, 2014), ABDOMEN MRA (Angiography) (Radiology | January 1, 2021), Abdominoplasty, Panniculectomy and Lipectomy (Surgery | June 1, 2015), Ablation of Peripheral Nerves to Treat Pain (Surgery | May 1, 2016), Absorbable Nasal Implant for Treatment of Nasal Valve Collapse (Surgery | October 1, 2019), Accelerated Breast Irradiation and Brachytherapy Boost After Breast-Conserving Surgery for Early-Stage Breast Cancer (Therapy | July 1, 1996), and Accident and Medical Emergency Services (Administrative | January 15, 1997). Above the list of policies, there is a row of buttons for alphabetical navigation: All, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z.

HOME CONTACT US ACCESSIBILITY DISCLAIMER

Medical Policies Search...

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**Category**

Medicine (123)  
Administrative (25)  
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# PROVIDER RECONSIDERATIONS AND GUIDELINES

- Provider reconsiderations are used to investigate the outcome of a finalized claim.
- General guidelines for provider reconsiderations:

## Reasons for a reconsideration

- Medical necessity determination
- Lack of authorization for emergent services when the member cannot present themselves as a BlueCross member

## \*Reasons that do not require a reconsideration

- Membership issues
- Eligibility or benefit denials
- Lack of authorization for non-emergent services when you know the member is a BlueCross member

*\*For reasons listed in this column, contact the appropriate Provider Services department using Ask Provider Services, STATchat<sup>SM</sup>, or call the phone number on the back of the member's ID card.*

# SUBMITTING A PROVIDER RECONSIDERATION


## Provider Reconsideration Form

- [www.SouthCarolinaBlues.com](http://www.SouthCarolinaBlues.com)
  - Providers>Claims & Payment>Appeals & Reconsiderations
- [www.BlueChoiceSC.com](http://www.BlueChoiceSC.com)
  - Providers>Find a Form>Provider Reconsideration Form

## Supporting Documentation

- Supporting document must be included, such as:
  - History and physical records
  - Operative reports
  - Office notes
  - Progressive notes
- Reconsiderations cannot be reviewed without support.

Be mindful of the  
filing guidelines.

 **South Carolina Provider Reconsideration Form**

This form is intended for use by physicians and other health care professionals in South Carolina. If you are located outside of South Carolina and have claims questions, reviews, or appeals, please direct them to your local Blue® plan. To request a claim review, please complete this form for BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina and BlueChoice® HealthPlan members. Use this form as the cover transmittal sheet for all supporting documentation. Forms submitted without supporting documentation will not be considered. Be sure to complete each section.

You may wish to seek reconsideration of a claim:

- If you have additional documentation that supports a reversal of the claim determination.
- If you want a reconsideration of the claim adjudication.

**Provider Information**

Provider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NPI or Tax ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Patient and Claim Information**

Patient's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Claim Number (Do **not** attach claim): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reconsideration**

Check the appropriate boxes below to specify the type of service and request.

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Services    | <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Request     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Subsequent Request* |

\*Note: Subsequent requests **must** include the initial decision along with new or additional information to be re-reviewed.

Brief description of request/desired action you want us to take as result of this claim review:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Description of attachments included (office records, lab reports, physician orders, etc.):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please Fax or Mail to (send to only one):**

| Plan                           | Reconsideration Time Limits | Fax Number                 | Mailing Address                                    |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| BlueChoice® HealthPlan         | Varies by plan              | 803-264-4172               | AX-620, I-20 @ Alpine Road, Columbia, SC 29219     |
| BlueEssentials™ & Blue Option™ | 180 days from remit date    | 803-264-4172               | AX-620, I-20 @ Alpine Road, Columbia, SC 29219     |
| Preferred Blue® & BlueCard®    | Varies by plan              | 803-264-4172               | AX-620, I-20 @ Alpine Road, Columbia, SC 29219     |
| Group & Individual             | 180 days from remit date    | 803-264-4172               | AX-F25, I-20 @ Alpine Road, Columbia, SC 29219     |
| State Health Plan              | 6 months from remit date    | 803-264-4204               | AX-810, P.O. Box 100605, Columbia, SC 29260        |
| Federal Employee Program       | 90 days from remit date     | 803-264-8104               | AX-805, P.O. Box 600601, Columbia, SC 29260        |
| Medicare Advantage             | 60 days from remit date     | 803-264-9581               | AG-780, P.O. Box 100191, Columbia, SC 29202        |
| Healthy Blue™                  | 90 days from remit date     | <a href="#">Click here</a> | for the Healthy Blue provider appeal request form. |

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# RECONSIDERATION, CORRECTED CLAIM OR PROVIDER SERVICES

- Knowing when to submit a provider reconsideration versus a corrected claim or contacting Provider Services is important.

## Examples of when to submit a provider reconsideration:

### Provider reconsideration

A claim is rejected because the medical necessity could not be determined.

A claim is rejected for lack of authorization, but the member was comatose when they arrived at the hospital.

## Examples of when to submit a corrected claim:

### Corrected claim

An anesthesia claim is submitted with the incorrect modifier and rejects as a duplicate.

A provider only performs the Cesarean delivery but submits their claim with the procedure 59515 (which includes postpartum care), causing the claim to process globally.

## Examples of when to contact Provider Services:

### Provider Services

A corrected claim was submitted but rejected as a duplicate.

A claim is rejected for no prior authorization, but you have the authorization number.

# PRICING INQUIRIES

- A pricing inquiry is an investigation of the reimbursement applied to a claim.
- Before submitting pricing inquiries, verify the following:

Member's plan  
(i.e., Commercial  
or Exchange)

Non-covered  
charges or  
denied lines

Applied cutbacks

Date of service  
(Fee schedule  
year)

MUEs

*Note: If you use third-party vendors to submit inquiries on your behalf, be sure they are aware of this information.*



# REFUND LETTERS

For assistance with refunds:


- Access My Insurance Manager
- Contact the number on the back of the member's ID card.

*If you do not have the refund letter:*


- Call Provider Services: 800-868-2510, opt. 4
  - Used for the following lines of business:
    - BlueCard®
    - BlueEssentials<sup>SM</sup>
    - Major Group
    - National Alliance
    - Small Group & Individual

0000128

STATE REFUNDS (AX-B15)  
PO Box 100300  
COLUMBIA SC 29202-3300

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Visit MyInsuranceManager<sup>SM</sup>  
at www.SouthCarolinaBlues.com

NOVEMBER 11, 2021

 0000128  
1000 SC 1000 0000

Re: Patient: Judi  
ID Number: 2  
Provider Num  
Date(s) of Se  
Refund Num

Dear Provider:

We sent a payment to you on March 01, 2021, in error for the patient listed above. We must request a refund of \$41.80 for the reason(s) stated below:

**THE MEDICARE COINSURANCE IS INCORRECT.**

If we have not heard from you within 30 days, we will deduct this amount from future payments to you. Please send this amount, along with a copy of this letter, to:

BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina  
Attn: Lockbox AX-A31  
1-20 at Alpine Road  
Columbia, SC 29219

**We thank you for your cooperation and apologize for any inconvenience. If you have any questions, please call our Provider Service department at 800-444-4311.**

Sincerely,

State Group Refunds

# SUBMISSION OF CLAIMS

Claims can be submitted using the following:

- Electronically (through your clearinghouse)
  - Preferred method
  - See the payer IDs
- My Insurance Manager<sup>SM</sup> (MIM)
- Mail (hard copy)
  - Use the address located on the back of the member's ID card

For more information, visit [www.SouthCarolinaBlues.com](http://www.SouthCarolinaBlues.com):

*Providers>Claims & Payments>Claims Submission*

| Medical Plans                          |       |
|--|-------|
| State Health Plan                      | 00400 |
| BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina | 00401 |
| Federal Employee Plan (FEP)            | 00402 |
| Healthy Blue <sup>SM</sup>             | 00403 |
| Planned Administrators, Inc. (PAI)     | 00886 |
| BlueChoice <sup>®</sup> HealthPlan     | 00922 |
| Medicare Advantage                     | 00C63 |

| Dental Plans                           |       |
|--|-------|
| BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina | 38520 |

# CORRECTED CLAIMS

- Corrected claims can be submitted using one of the following avenues:
  - Electronically (the preferred method)
    - Use the appropriate payor ID.
    - For institutional claims, use frequency code 7 (which indicates an adjustment).
    - For professional claims, enter the original claim number in Box 22 of the CMS-1500.
      - Include a description for the reason of the adjustment in Box 19.
  - My Insurance Manager<sup>SM</sup> (MIM)
    - Select Replacement of Prior Claim on the Claim Information page
  - Mail (hard copy)
    - Ensure “Corrected Claim” is labeled on the claim.
- For all avenues, be sure to include **all lines** from the original claim along with the correction(s) that should be made.



# CLAIM TIPS



# SUBROGATION AND OHI QUESTIONNAIRES

- Accident or subrogation
  - Generated based on trauma related diagnoses on a claim
  - Must be completed by the member or the member can contact customer service to verify/update
    - Claim will remain patient liability until the questionnaire is received
- Other health insurance (OHI)
  - Generated based on the member's age, if they have more than one policy on file, etc.
  - Must be completed by the member or the member can contact customer service to verify/update

Encourage members to return the questionnaire as soon as possible to avoid processing delays

Incorporate the forms in the onboarding paperwork  
*Only submit the documentation if requested.*

**Note: Both forms are on [www.SouthCarolinaBlues.com](http://www.SouthCarolinaBlues.com).**

*Providers>Forms>Other Forms*

# CORRECT CODING

- Accurate coding and reporting of services on medical claims is critical in assuring proper payment to providers.
- Common coding issues include:

Invalid  
modifiers

Incorrect  
number of  
units

Diagnosis  
inconsistencies

Unbundled  
services

Age or gender  
discrepancies



# RESOURCES



# VOICE RESPONSE UNIT

- **If a claim was paid or applied patient liability, you will receive the following:**
  - Processed date
  - Remittance date
  - Check number
  - Amount paid
  - Amount applied to the patient liability
- **If a claim is denied, you will receive the following:**
  - Denial reason
  - Remittance date

*Note: If a claim is processed to the member, please contact them for the details. Submitting a HIPAA transaction (267/277) will let you know if the claim processed to the member.*



# MY INSURANCE MANAGER

- My Insurance Manager is the quickest way to get claims information. You can use the portal to:
  - Submit claims.
  - Check the status of claims.
  - View refund letters.
  - Get help with claims using:
    - Ask Provider Services.
    - STATchat<sup>SM</sup>.

# ASK PROVIDER SERVICES

- Ask Provider Services is a feature in My Insurance Manager that lets you submit secured web inquiries for help with claims.
- This feature is intended to assist with ***complex issues*** and not general claim status.

| Examples of appropriate questions to ask...                         | Examples of inappropriate questions to ask... |
|---|---|
| Why was line one of the claim denied as noncovered?                 | What is the status of the claim?              |
| Why were services applied to the member's deductible?               | Have medical records been received?           |
| Has the member returned the coordination of benefits questionnaire? | Has the claim been processed?                 |

# SUBMITTING WEB INQUIRIES

- From the claim screen, select ***Ask Provider Services***.
- Enter all the necessary information in the available fields.
- Be sure to ask clear, probing questions.
- Select Submit Question.

Ask Provider Services

## Inquiry

Use the form and receive a response in the Message Center. Please be aware during our peak season that there may be a delay in receiving a response. You may also talk to a Provider Services representative with STATchat.

### How would you like to contact Provider Services?

- ☒ Submit your question online
- ☐ Talk to Provider Services online  
(Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST)

### Health Plan:

BlueCross BlueShield Plans

### Inquiry Reason:

Claim Status Inquiry

\* Patient's First Name:

\* Patient's Last Name:

\* Patient's Member id:

Patient's Date of Birth:

11/13/1955

mm/dd/yyyy

\* Location:

CHATTANOOGA REGIONAL CENTER

Select

Primary ID:

100000122

\* Please enter a question:

Submit Question or [Back](#)

# VIEWING WEB INQUIRY RESPONSES

- To view responses to your inquiries:
  - Select Go to Message Center.
  - You can narrow the results by entering the ID number and selecting specific months.
- Enhancements made:
  - You now have the option to see up to **90 days** of inquiries.
  - Provider Administrators can view all the web inquiries submitted and responses received under the Tax ID.
    - Enter the member's ID number and select the staff member from the drop-down menu.

[Go to Message Center](#)

Search by Member ID:  Select a Plan...

Last 30 Days Results (0)

☐ Message Tools

| Date ▲  | Subject |
|---|---------|
| ⚠ We did not find any messages for the time period you chose. Please try your request again with a different time period. |         |

Office Staff View

Message Center

Please note: The Message Center will only show mail you submitted through My Insurance Manager. This mailbox will not show other communications you may receive from us, such as faxes or regular mail, that may relate to your questions.

Search by Member ID:  Select a Plan...

Search by Staff Member:

Staff Member:

Last 90 Days Results (4)

☐ Message Tools

| Date ▲                              | Subject   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 01/16/2024 | HEALTH - Eligibility Question - KRISTA FUNDERBURK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 01/16/2024 | HEALTH - Claim Status Inquiry - KRISTA FUNDERBURK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 01/16/2024 | HEALTH - Claim Status Inquiry - KENNETH CATOE     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 01/16/2024 | HEALTH - Claim Status Inquiry - LAWIS TAYLOR      |

Administrator View

# STATCHAT

- STATchat is a feature that let's you speak with a Provider Services representative.
- The feature is available through My Insurance Manager.
- System requirements include:
  - A current version of Adobe Flash Player
  - A compatible web browser, such as Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome.
  - A headset or standalone microphone with speakers connected to your computer.

*Note: The operation hours may vary for certain lines of business.*

The screenshot displays the 'Ask Provider Services' button at the top. Below it is the 'STATchat' form. A purple banner at the top of the form reads: 'Use the form and receive a response in the Message Center. Please be aware during our peak season that there may be a delay in receiving a response. You may also talk to a Provider Services representative with STATchat.' Below this, a section titled 'How would you like to contact Provider Services?' has two radio buttons: 'Submit your question online' and 'Talk to Provider Services online' (which is selected). The selected option includes the text '(Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST)'. The form then has fields for 'Inquiry Name' (filled with 'BlueCross BlueShield Plans') and 'Inquiry Reason' (filled with 'Claim Status Inquiry'). Below these are three input fields: '\* Patient's First Name:' (filled with 'J'), '\* Patient's Last Name:' (filled with 'K'), and '\* Patient's Member id:' (filled with '81 9Q'). There is also a '\* Location:' dropdown menu with a 'Select' button, and a 'Primary ID:' field filled with '1'. A link 'Need help using STATchat?' is present. At the bottom of the form are buttons for 'Launch STATchat' and 'Back'.

The screenshot displays the 'STATchat - Internet Explorer' window. The main chat area shows 'Status: Connected' and 'Call Id: 8141917300'. To the right is a 'Hang Up' button. Below the status is a checkbox 'Wearing a headset?' which is checked. Below this is a numeric keypad with letters assigned to numbers: 1, 2 (ABC), 3 (DEF), 4 (GHI), 5 (JKL), 6 (MNO), 7 (PQRS), 8 (GHI), 9 (WXYZ), \*, 0 (+), and #. There are also 'MUTE' and 'KEYPAD' buttons. At the bottom is a red banner that reads 'Having trouble with the audio?'.



**THANK YOU**

