

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### **Update: Precertification for Commercial Inpatient Admissions**

*Note: The effective date of September 1, 2019, that was previously published in Provider Bulletin P54-19 is being postponed until January 1, 2020.*

On June 3, 2019, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) announced a new policy requiring precertification for all planned, acute, inpatient admissions for commercial members, with an effective date of September 1, 2019.

The purpose of this policy is to help ensure our members are receiving appropriate care based on clinical review prior to the services being provided.

Blue Cross acknowledges and appreciates that process changes like this one may cause additional administrative work for providers. We value the longstanding relationships we have with our provider partners and we're dedicated to creating a seamless experience for all involved, while maintaining the ultimate goal of ensuring our members receive medically necessary care at an appropriate price.

In order to allow more time for necessary adjustments, the effective date for this policy has been **postponed until January 1, 2020**.

Additional details will be shared prior to implementation.

### **Questions?**

If you have questions, please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or **1-800-262-0820**.