

PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

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Commercial and MHCP Pharmacy Benefit Update – Growth Hormone Notification

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) respect the professional judgement of participating providers when prescribing medications for Blue Cross subscribers. Blue Cross also respects the professional judgement of participating Specialty Network Pharmacies and the legal and regulatory guidelines and standards to which they must adhere.

There are some cases when a participating Specialty Network Pharmacy may be unable to dispense growth hormone per U.S. Code Title 21 Chapter 21 Chapter § 333(e), such as if the growth hormone is prescribed for an indication that is not FDA-approved for that product (e.g., fertility). Additionally, growth hormone is classified as a Schedule III controlled substance in the state of Minnesota per Minn. Rule 6800.4230. In cases where a Specialty Network Pharmacy is unable to dispense growth hormone, the pharmacy will contact the prescriber directly to discuss alternatives and recommend follow-up with their patient.

Products Impacted

This notification applies to commercial lines of business and to the following Minnesota Health Care Programs:

- Families and Children [*formerly known as* Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP)]
- MinnesotaCare (MNCare)
- Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+)

Our Specialty Network Pharmacies That Dispense Growth Hormone:

- [Fairview Specialty Pharmacy](#)
Phone: 1-800-595-7140 Fax: 1-866-347-4939
- [Accredo](#)
Phone: 1-866-470-9554 Fax: 1-888-302-1028
- [North Memorial Health Pharmacy – Specialty Center](#)
Phone: 1-877-520-5307 Fax: 1-763-581-2814
- [Thrifty White Specialty Pharmacy](#)
Phone: 1-855-611-3399 Fax: 1-855-423-8300

Questions?

If you have questions for a member enrolled in a Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) plan, please contact provider services at **1-866-518-8448**. Please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or **1-800-262-0820** for all other questions.