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Medical Drug Update for Botulinum Toxins (Myobloc, Botox, Dysport, Xeomin) - Commercial Products

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will be updating medical policy II-16 for Botulinum Toxins to remove the maximum billable dose column from the policy's dosing table for all four botulinum toxin agents (Myobloc, Botox, Dysport, Xeomin). The change will go into effect on July 5, 2021.

No change is being made to member benefits or utilization management prior authorization (PA) requirements for Botulinum Toxin agents. When submitting a PA request, providers should continue to attach all required clinical documentation supporting medical necessity. PA approval will be based on the policy criteria, including the dosing and frequency requirements.

Prior Authorization Requests

- Participating providers must submit PA requests online via our free [Availity](#)[®] provider portal
- For medical drugs, PA's can also be submitted using a NCPDP standard XML file feed to Blue Cross through CenterX, via an integrated Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system. To learn how to do this, providers should contact their EMR vendor for assistance.
- Out of state, non-contracted providers can submit a PA request to Blue Cross by either using the electronic processes above, the [policy specific fax form](#) located under the Forms & Publications section on the Blue Cross website, or their own PA form.

Note: An approved PA does not guarantee coverage under a subscriber's benefit plan. Subscriber benefit plans vary in coverage and some plans may not provide coverage for certain services discussed in the medical policies.

Coding Requirements Reminder

For medical claim questions related to drug wastage and use of the JW modifier, providers can refer to the Blue Cross Drug Wastage Reimbursement Policy. All coding and reimbursements are subject to changes, updates, or other requirements of coding rules and guidelines to comply with federal HIPAA rules. In the case of medical code sets (e.g., HCPCS, CPT[®], ICD), only valid codes for the date of service may be submitted or accepted. To access the reimbursement policy:

- Go to providers.bluecrossmn.com
- Under Tools & Resources, select "Reimbursement Policies"
- Locate "General Coding – 016 Drug Wastage"

Reminder Regarding Medical Policy Updates & Changes:

Medical Policy changes are communicated in the Upcoming Medical Policy Notifications section of the Blue Cross Medical and Behavioral Health Policy website. The Upcoming Policies section lists new, revised, or inactivated policies approved by the Blue Cross Medical and Behavioral Health Policy Committee and are effective at minimum 45 days from the date they were posted. To access the website:

- Go to providers.bluecrossmn.com

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- Under “Tools & Resources”, select “Medical Policy”, and read/accept the Blue Cross Medical Policy Statement
- Under “Medical and Behavioral Health Policy”, select “Upcoming Medical Policy Notifications”

Questions?

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

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