

# PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



August 11, 2021

### **Commercial Pharmacy Benefit Update – New and Revised Drug-Related Prior Authorization (PA) Requirement Notification – Effective October 1, 2021**

For prescription drugs covered under the pharmacy benefit, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will be publishing new and revised drug-related PA requirements 45 days in advance of implementation for dates of service beginning October 1, 2021. The requirements will be posted in the Upcoming Pharmacy Policy Notification section of the Blue Cross Medical and Behavioral Health Policy website.

As stewards of healthcare expenditures for our subscribers, we are charged with ensuring they receive the highest quality, evidence-based care. This is accomplished through expanded development of medical policies and through management of these policies to include the PA process. The primary purpose of the PA process is to ensure that evidence-based care is provided to our subscribers, driving quality, safety, and affordability.

#### **Products Impacted**

This information update applies to commercial lines of business.

New and revised drug-related PA requirements going into effect on October 1, 2021 will be posted by August 17, 2021 in the Upcoming Pharmacy Policy Notifications section of the Blue Cross and Medical and Behavioral Health Policy website. To access the website:

- Go to [providers.bluecrossmn.com](http://providers.bluecrossmn.com)
- Under Tools & Resources, select “Medical Policy”, and read/accept the Blue Cross Medical Policy Statement
- Under the “Medical and Behavioral Health Policies” section, find the “Pharmacy Policies” section
- Select “Upcoming Pharmacy Policy Notifications”

#### **CoverMyMeds Prior Authorization Request Service**

Prescribers can submit ePA drug requests for Blue Cross subscribers who have pharmacy benefits through Blue Cross by either submitting a request through [CoverMyMeds’s](http://www.covermymeds.com) (CMM) free web portal or by sending an electronic NCPDP file to Prime through an integrated Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system during the e-prescribing process.

- To access CMM, go to <http://www.covermymeds.com>
- The first time you use the portal to submit a PA, you will need to create a CMM account.
- For help using the CMM site select Support (top of the web page) to view FAQs, CMM physician training webinar offerings, and support options to help you get started.

#### **Questions?**

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