

# PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### **Commercial Pharmacy Benefit Update – New Drug-Related Prior Authorization (PA) Criteria: Obeticholic acid**

Upon launch, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will require PA for obeticholic acid under the pharmacy benefit plan. Obeticholic acid is expected to be approved on or before June 25, 2020. Please note, the brand name is not yet known for obeticholic acid.

The intent of the obeticholic acid PA program is to ensure appropriate selection of patients for treatment according to FDA approved product labeling. The obeticholic acid PA program defines appropriate use as use in patients who have an FDA approved indication, who are receiving the FDA labeled dose, and who do not have any FDA labeled contraindications.

As stewards of healthcare expenditures for our subscribers, we are charged with ensuring they receive appropriate, quality care while also managing overall costs. The prior authorization process ensures that the health service or drug being proposed is medically necessary, and reflective of evidence-based medicine and industry standards, prior to treatment. This process helps us manage the cost and quality of care appropriately for our members.

#### **Products Impacted**

This PA program applies to commercial lines of business.

The PA criteria may be accessed using the Blue Cross provider link.

- Access **providers.bluecrossmn.com**
- Under Tools & Resources, select “Medical Policy”, and read/accept the Blue Cross Medical Policy Statement
- Select the “+” (plus) sign next to “Medical and Behavioral Health Policies”
- Select “Pharmacy Policies for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota”
- Scroll through the Pharmacy UM Program Criteria to locate specific criteria

#### **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 (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 [www.covermymeds.com](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**.