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Pharmacy Benefit Update – New Drug-Related Prior Authorization (PA) Criteria: Antifungal Agents

Effective October 1, 2019, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will require PA for select antifungal agents under the pharmacy benefit.

The intent of the Antifungal Agents PA program is to ensure appropriate selection of patients for treatment according to product labeling and/or clinical studies and/or clinical practice guidelines. The PA process allows for approval for labeled indications and may require trial and failure of another antifungal agent when Cresemba[®], Noxafil[®], and Vfend[®] are indicated in clinical practice guidelines as an alternative agent for the diagnosis, unless the patient has a documented intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to the recommended initial treatment choice.

As stewards of healthcare expenditures for our subscribers, we are charged with ensuring they receive appropriate, quality care while also managing overall costs. The PA 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.

Pharmacy PA Program	Target Agent(s)
Antifungal Agents PA	Cresemba [®] (isavuconazonium) Noxafil [®] (posaconazole) Vfend [®] (voriconazole) ^a

Products Impacted

This PA program applies to commercial lines of business.

New PA criteria will be posted by September 1, 2019 and may be accessed using the Blue Cross provider link.

- Access **providers.bluecrossmn.com**
- Under Tools and Resources, select Medical policy, then acknowledge the Acceptance statement
- Select View All Active Policies
- Select Pharmacy Utilization Management Programs

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
- 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.

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