# PROVIDER QUICK POINTS PROVIDER INFORMATION



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# **Medical Drug Exclusion List Update – for Euflexxa**

As stewards of healthcare expenditures for our subscribers, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) is charged with ensuring the highest quality, evidence- based care for our members, while driving quality, safety, and affordability. To accomplish this, when multiple versions of the same drug exist, Blue Cross may decide to cover only certain versions of the drug after completing a review of the drugs.

**Effective July 5, 2021**, Blue Cross Medical Policy II-29 for Intra-Articular Hyaluronan Injections for Osteoarthritis will be updated to include Euflexxa as a preferred hyaluronan product that does not need prior authorization, when used and deemed medically necessary per policy guidelines. The Medical Drug Exclusion List will be updated, accordingly. For additional detail on the medical policy revision, see <a href="Provider Bulletin P27-21">Provider Bulletin P27-21</a>.

## **Products Impacted**

- Commercial health plans (excluding FEP)
- Minnesota Health Care Programs: Families & Children (F&C), MinnesotaCare (MNCare), Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+), and Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO)

### **Medical Drug Exclusions List**

We encourage providers to review the list online frequently, as the list is subject to change as new drug formulations and products are introduced on the market. To review the list:

- Go to providers.bluecrossmn.com
- Under 'Tools and Resources' select 'Medical policy' and then acknowledge the Acceptance Statement
- Under the 'Medical and Behavioral Health Policies' section, locate the "Medical policy supporting documents" section to view the Medical Drug Exclusions List

#### To view Blue Cross medical policies

- Go to providers.bluecrossmn.com
- Under Tools and Resources, select "Medical Policy", then acknowledge the Acceptance statement
- Under the 'Medical and Behavioral Health Policies' section, select the "Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Medical Policies" option to locate the current medical policy search tool
- Select the "Upcoming Policy Notifications" option to view policy criteria or changes that will be going into effect.

#### **Ouestions?**

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.