

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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Change in Medical Necessity Criteria to InterQual® for Substance Use Disorder Admissions

Effective January 4, 2021, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will use InterQual® criteria to determine the medical necessity of prior authorization requests for substance use disorder admissions. Blue Cross will no longer use American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria for medical necessity determinations. There are no changes to the substance use disorder admissions that require prior authorizations.

To access the Prior Authorization Lists, follow the steps below.

1. Access the 'Provider Section' of the Blue Cross website at **providers.bluecrossmn.com**
2. Under 'Tools and Resources' select 'Medical policy' then acknowledge the Acceptance Statement.
3. Click on the '+' next to 'Utilization Management' and select the appropriate "Pre-Certification/Pre-Authorization/Notification List"

InterQual® criteria are available upon request.

Products Impacted

This information applies to all commercial and Medicare Advantage lines of business.

Questions?

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