## **PROVIDER OUICK POINTS** PROVIDER INFORMATION



## Housing Stabilization Services – New MHCP Benefit

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) is implementing a new Housing Stabilization Services (HSS) benefit effective July 20, 2020 in accordance with the Minnesota Department of Human Service (DHS) for Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) subscribers.

To be eligible to provide, bill and be paid by Blue Cross for Housing Consultation, Housing Transition and Housing Sustaining services under this benefit, providers must be enrolled with DHS prior to billing Blue Cross for covered services.

All services under HSS must be Prior Authorized by DHS. Approval must be obtained by following the requirements as published by DHS. Once services are approved, a notification will be forwarded to Blue Cross for claims processing purposes.

Providers that are currently contracted with Blue Cross under a Social Service agency contract have received communication from Blue Cross regarding provision in the addendum allowing for Housing Consultation effective July 1, 2020. Providers must enroll with DHS as a Housing Consultation provider prior to billing Blue Cross.

While not required, Blue Cross recommends that providers not contracted with Blue Cross under an agreement including HSS access the contract request form, complete the required documents, and submit to Blue Cross for execution of a new contractual arrangement.

Providers that are interested in contracting for HSS should visit the Blue Cross Website for additional information.

https://www.bluecrossmn.com/providers/join-our-network/contracting-transportation-providers-interpreters-pcashousing

## **Questions?**

If you have questions, please contact provider services at 1-866-518-8448.

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