

PROVIDER BULLETIN

PROVIDER INFORMATION



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Change in Requirements for Newborn Precertification Process for Minnesota Health Care Programs

Effective April 1, 2020, we request that providers submit the *Newborn Notification of Delivery Form* when submitting the mother's inpatient precertification request.

This information allows additional resources to be provided as quickly as possible after delivery, such as care coordination for mothers with sick babies who may need extra support.

The information on the *Newborn Notification of Delivery Form* is already included in the online (Interactive Care Reviewer) submission of the mother's precertification request, so the additional form is not required when submitting online.

When faxing in a precertification request for the mother's inpatient admission, fax the request to **1-844-480-6839**. Precertification requests faxed in will not be denied if missing the form; however, if not available at the time the precertification is submitted, providers may add it when submitting discharge documentation.

Providers can access both forms (the *Newborn Notification of Delivery Form* and the *Prior Authorization/Precertification Request*) on the website at <https://provider.publicprograms.bluecrossmn.com/minnesota-provider/home> in the 'Forms' section.

Well baby services will continue to be covered under the submission of the mother's inpatient precertification request with no separate authorization required.

Effective April 1, 2020, facilities are required to submit the request via fax or by phone to ensure timely determination for the authorization of a sick newborn, circumcision or other urgent newborn services requiring medical review. When submitting the request, providers should note that the Minnesota Medicaid ID number (PMI) is not yet available from the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS).

Completed forms should be faxed to **1-800-964-3627**. Any necessary clinical reviews of services will be processed even though DHS may not have determined ongoing coverage.

Newborn claims will not be processed until Blue Plus receives the newborn's enrollment information from DHS and the baby is active in our system.

Newborns born to mothers enrolled in Blue Advantage Families and Children (F&C) or MinnesotaCare are automatically enrolled in Blue Plus for the calendar month of the birth only. It is important that the mother notify her local agency of the birth of her child for the enrollment process to begin (if enrolled in F&C or MinnesotaCare).

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Products Impacted

This information applies to the following Minnesota Health Care Programs:

- Families and Children (F&C)
- MinnesotaCare (MNCare)

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact Provider Services at **1-866-518-8448**.