

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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

This bulletin communicates the requirement for a precertification request for newborns and updates Provider Bulletin P15R1-20, published on October 1, 2020.

As previously communicated, effective April 1, 2020, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) requests that providers submit the Newborn Notification of Delivery Form when submitting the mother's inpatient precertification request. Blue Cross uses this information to offer the member additional resources as quickly as possible after delivery.

The Newborn Notification of Delivery Form information is included in the online (Interactive Care Reviewer) submission of the mother's precertification request. Providers that submit the precertification via ICR are not required to submit a separate Newborn Notification of Delivery form.

Providers have an option to submit the request for the mother's inpatient admission by faxing the request to **1-844-480-6839**. If the information for the Newborn Notification of Delivery form is not initially available, providers may include it when submitting discharge documentation.

Forms are available on the website at <https://provider.publicprograms.bluecrossmn.com/minnesota-provider/home> in the 'Forms' section.

Healthy newborn services will continue to be allowed under the mother's inpatient precertification.

What is changing?

Effective May 1, 2021, facilities are required to submit a separate precertification request for any newborn that remains hospitalized for greater than 96 hours regardless of the Nursery Level for the newborn's stay (All Nursery Levels as represented by revenue codes 0170-0174 and 0179).

Effective May 1, 2021 a separate precertification request will be required for any newborn in a Level II, Level III, or Level IV Nursery regardless of length of stay as represented by revenue codes 0172-0174. Any newborn that will require care beyond a Level I newborn, must have a separate, individual precertification submitted as soon as the provider is aware of the newborn's condition, including upon birth. The request must be submitted via fax or by phone and providers should note that the Minnesota Personal Master Index number (PMI or Medicaid number) is not yet available from the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS). Completed newborn precertification forms should be faxed to **1-800-964-3627**.

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

Newborns of mothers enrolled in Blue Advantage Families and Children (F&C) or Blue Plus 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 as soon as possible following the birth for the enrollment process to begin (if enrolled in F&C or MinnesotaCare).

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**.