

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PROVIDER INFORMATION

October 1, 2020

### Updated Minnesota Health Care Programs and Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) Prior Authorization and Medical Policy Requirements

Effective December 1, 2020, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will be updating its government programs medical policy and pre-authorization/pre-certification/notification lists. The lists clarify medical policy, prior authorization, and notification requirements for the Minnesota Health Care Programs (Families and Children, MNCare, and MSC+) and Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) products.

As stewards of healthcare expenditures for our subscribers, we are charged with ensuring they receive appropriate, quality care while also maintaining overall costs. The prior authorization process ensures that the health service or drug being proposed is medically necessary, and reflective of evidence-based medicine and industry standards, prior to treatment. This process helps us manage the cost and quality of care appropriately for our members.

The following prior authorization requirements will be removed and **will not be applicable** under the medical benefit plan to subscriber claims on or after **December 1, 2020**. However, the policies will remain in effect.

Policy #	Policy Name	Prior Authorization Required	
		Medicaid	MSHO
CG-SURG-49	Endovascular Techniques (Percutaneous or Open Exposure) for Arterial Revascularization of the Lower Extremities	Yes	Yes

#### Where do I find the current government programs Pre-Certification/Pre-Authorization/Notification list?

Go to <https://provider.publicprograms.bluecrossmn.com/minnesota-provider/resources/prior-authorization>

OR

Go to [providers.bluecrossmn.com](https://providers.bluecrossmn.com)

- Under Tools & Resources, select “Minnesota Health Care Programs site”
- Under Resources, select “Prior Authorization Requirements” and scroll down to “Related Information” to select “Prior Authorization Grid”

#### Where do I find the current government programs Medical Policy Grid?

Go to <https://provider.publicprograms.bluecrossmn.com/minnesota-provider/resources/provider-manuals-and-guides>

- Click on “Medical Policies and UM Guidelines”

OR

Go to [providers.bluecrossmn.com](https://providers.bluecrossmn.com)

- Under Tools & Resources, select “Minnesota Health Care Programs site”

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- Under Resources, select “Manuals and Guides”
- Click on “Medical Policies and UM Guidelines”

### **Where can I access medical policies?**

- **MN DHS (MHCP) Policies:**

[http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET\\_DYNAMIC\\_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=dhs16\\_157386](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=dhs16_157386)

- **Blue Cross Policies:**

<https://www.bluecrossmn.com/providers/medical-policy-and-utilization-management>

- **Amerigroup Policies:**

<https://provider.publicprograms.bluecrossmn.com/minnesota-provider/medical-policies-and-clinical-guidelines>

**AND**

<https://www.anthem.com/pharmacyinformation/clinicalcriteria>

**Please note that the Precertification Look-Up Tool (PLUTO) is not available for prior authorization look up.**

### **Questions?**

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