

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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

Effective January 2, 2021, 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, MinnesotaCare, and Minnesota Senior Care Plus) 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 policies have transitioned to new policy numbers, with changes in clinical criteria, and **will be applicable** to subscriber claims on or after **January 2, 2021**.

New Policy #	Prior Policy #	Policy Name	Prior Authorization Required	
			Medicaid	MSHO
ANC.00007	MHCP ANC.00007	Cosmetic and Reconstructive Services: Skin Related	Yes	Yes
ANC.00008	MHCP ANC.00008	Cosmetic and Reconstructive Services of the Head and Neck	Yes	Yes
ANC.00009	MHCP ANC.00009	Cosmetic and Reconstructive Services of the Trunk and Groin	Yes	Yes
SURG.00129	MHCP SURG.00129	Oral, Pharyngeal and Maxillofacial Surgical Treatment for Obstructive Sleep Apnea or Snoring	Yes	Yes
ING-CC-0001	MHCP ING-CC-0001	Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agents	Yes	Yes
ING-CC-0096	MHCP	Asparaginase, not otherwise specified	Yes	Yes

The following prior authorization requirements will be archived and **will not be applicable** under the medical benefit plan to subscriber claims on or after **January 2, 2021**. However, the policies will remain in effect.

Policy #	Policy Name	Prior Authorization Required	
		Medicaid	MSHO
MHCP	Vyxeos (liposomal daunorubicin and cytarabine)	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Leucovorin calcium	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Dacogen (decitabine)	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Doxorubicin HCl	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Trisenox (arsenic trioxide)	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Clolar (clofarabine)	Yes	Yes
MHCP	BCG (intravesical)	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Bleomycin sulfate	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Carboplatin	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Carmustine	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Cisplatin, powder or solution	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Cladribine	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Cyclophosphamide	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Cytarabine liposome	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Cytarabine	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Dactinomycin	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Dacarbazine	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Daunorubicin	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Epirubicin HCl	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Etoposide	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Fludarabine phosphate	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Fluorouracil	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Floxuridine	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Infugem (gemcitabine HCl)	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Irinotecan liposome	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Irinotecan	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Ifosfamide	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Idarubicin HCl	Yes	Yes

Policy #	Policy Name	Prior Authorization Required	
		Medicaid	MSHO
MHCP	Mechlorethamine HCl (nitrogen mustard)	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Melphalan HCl	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Methotrexate sodium	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Nelarabine	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Oxaliplatin	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Paclitaxel	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Pentostatin	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Mitomycin	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Mitoxantrone HCl	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Pralatrexate	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Streptozocin	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Temozolomide	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Thiotepa	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Topotecan	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Valrubicin, intravesical	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Vinblastine sulfate	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Vincristine sulfate	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Vincristine sulfate liposome	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Vinorelbine tartrate	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Porfimer sodium	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

- 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**

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

- **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**.