

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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

Effective April 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 **new** policies and/or prior authorization requirements **will be applicable** to subscriber claims on or after **April 1, 2020**.

Policy #	Policy Name	New Policy	Prior Authorization Required	
			Medicaid	MSHO
ING-CC-0152	Vyondys 53 (golodirsen)	Yes	Yes	Yes

The following policies have transitioned to new policy numbers, with changes in clinical criteria, and **will be applicable** to subscriber claims on or after **April 1, 2020**.

New Policy #	Prior Policy #	Policy Name	Prior Authorization Required	
			Medicaid	MSHO
MHCP	ING-CC-0143	Polivy (polatuzumab vedotin-piiq)	Yes	Yes
MHCP	ING-CC-0031	Intravitreal Corticosteroid Implants [Yutiq (fluocinolone acetonide intravitreal implant) only]	Yes	Yes
MHCP	Blue Cross II-230	Zolgensma (onasemnogene abeparvovec)	Yes	Yes

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

Go to **providers.bluecrossmn.com**

- Under Tools & Resources, select “Medical Policy,” and read/accept the Blue Cross Medical Policy and UM Statement
- Under Utilization Management, then ‘Precertification Lists’ select the ‘MN Government Programs Pre-Certification/Pre-Authorization/Notification List’

OR

Go to **providers.bluecrossmn.com**

- Under Tools & Resources, select “Minnesota Health Care Programs site”
- Under Resources, select “Prior Authorization Requirements” then select “Prior Authorization List”

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

Go to **providers.bluecrossmn.com**

- Under Tools & Resources, select “Minnesota Health Care Programs site”
- Under Resources, select “Manuals and Guides”
- Under Medical Policies and Clinical UM Guidelines, select “Medical Policy Grid”

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://medicalpolicies.amerigroup.com/am_search.html

AND

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

Please note that the Precertification Look Up Tool (PLUTO) will not be available for prior authorization look up.

Questions?

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