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Pharmacy Benefit Update – New Drug-Related Step Therapy (ST) Criteria: Methotrexate Injectable

Effective July 1, 2019, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will require ST for brand methotrexate injectable agents on the pharmacy benefit.

The intent of the Methotrexate Injectable ST program is to encourage the use of generic methotrexate injectable agents over target agents.

Affected subscribers who recently received a brand methotrexate injectable product will be subject to ST will be notified and directed to contact their provider to discuss the covered formulary treatment choices and whether making a change is right for them.

Methotrexate Injectable – Step Therapy Target Drugs (Brands Only)
Otrexup TM (methotrexate auto-injector)
Rasuvo [®] (methotrexate auto-injector)

Products Impacted

This ST program applies to commercial lines of business.

The new Pharmacy ST program will be posted by June 1, 2019 and may be accessed using the Blue Cross provider link.

- Access providers.bluecrossmn.com
- Under Tools and Resources, select Medical policy, then acknowledge the Acceptance statement
- Select View All Active Policies
- Select Pharmacy Utilization Management Programs

CoverMyMeds prior authorization request service

Prescribers can submit ePA drug requests for Blue Cross subscribers who have pharmacy benefits through Blue Cross by either submitting a request through <u>CoverMyMeds's</u> (CMM) free web portal or by sending an electronic NCPDP file to Prime through an integrated Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system during the e-prescribing process.

- To access CMM, go to www.covermymeds.com
- The first time you use the portal to submit a PA, you will need to create a CMM account.
- For help using the CMM site select Support (top of the web page) to view FAQs, CMM physician training webinar offerings, and support options to help you get started.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider services at (651) 662-5200 or 1-800-262-0820.

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