

# PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### Online Medical Policy Survey for Botox® and Bariatric Surgery

On June 1, 2019, providers submitting prior authorization (PA) requests for Botox® or Bariatric Surgery will have the ability to complete an online survey to determine if the medical necessity criteria are met prior to attaching medical records to the request. If the medical necessity criteria are met based on the applicable clinical guidelines, the request **may** be immediately approved. Both new medical policy surveys will be available for subscribers with Commercial products. The Bariatric Surgery survey will also be available for subscribers with Medicare Advantage products.

For more information on medical policy surveys, see QP15-19, published February 13, 2019.

#### Success with surveys:

When submitting the authorization request on Availity, please request only the procedure codes that require PA. Additional codes that are incidental to the primary code should not be submitted. **Requests with surveys cannot be immediately approved when there are incidental codes that do not require PA included.** Please review the prior authorization (PA) lists to determine which codes require PA.

- To find the PA lists for Commercial and Medicare Advantage, go to [providers.bluecrossmn.com](http://providers.bluecrossmn.com)
- Under Tools & Resources, select “Medical Policy” and read/accept the Blue Cross Medical Policy Statement
- Select the “+” sign next to “Utilization Management” to access the PA lists

#### Questions?

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