# **PROVIDER QUICK POINTS** PROVIDER INFORMATION



## Pharmacy Benefit Update – New Drug-Related Prior Authorization (PA) with Quantity Limit (QL) Criteria: Sucralfate Suspension

Effective April 1, 2019, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will require PA with QL for the brand sucralfate suspension agent.

The intent of the Sucralfate Suspension PA with QL program is to encourage use of the more cost-effective generic tablet prior to the target agent.

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.

| Target Agent   | Quantity Limit                   |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Carafate <sup>®</sup> oral suspension (sucralfate oral suspension) | 1 g / 10 mL – 1,200 mL / 30 days |

### **Products Impacted**

This PA program applies to commercial lines of business.

New PA criteria will be posted by March 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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