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Skilled Nursing Facility Prior Authorization Waiver

Due to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) has suspended the prior authorization requirement for admissions from an Acute Care Facility to a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF).

The waiver applies for SNF admission dates November 12, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for commercial and Medicare Advantage subscribers.

The waiver applies for SNF admission dates November 17, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for Minnesota Health Care Programs.

Providers must continue to submit notifications of admissions, so the admission can be approved, tracked, and followed up on throughout the length of stay. Admissions to a SNF will be approved for the first 7 days to help free up hospital beds.

Questions?

If you have questions for a member enrolled in a Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) plan, please contact provider services at **1-866-518-8448**. Please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or **1-800-262-0820** for all other questions.