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Pharmacy Benefit Update – New Drug-Related Prior Authorization (PA) Criteria: tafamidis

Vyndaqel® and tafamidis free acid were approved on May 3, 2019. When available in the marketplace, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will require PA for these drugs.

The intent of the tafamidis PA program is to ensure appropriate selection of patients for treatment according to FDA approved product labeling. The tafamidis PA defines appropriate use as use in patients who have an FDA approved indication, who are receiving the FDA labeled dose, and who do not have any FDA labeled contraindications

As stewards of healthcare expenditures for our subscribers, we are charged with ensuring they receive appropriate, quality care while also managing 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.

Pharmacy PA Program	Target Agent(s)
tafamidis PA	Vyndaqel® (tafamidis meglumine) Tafamidis free acid

Products Impacted

This PA program applies to commercial lines of business and the following Minnesota Health Care Programs.

- Families and Children [*formerly known as* Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP)]
- MinnesotaCare (MNCare)
- Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+)

New PA criteria has been posted 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 CoverMyMeds's (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.

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- 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**.