

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### **Urine Drug Testing (UDT) Limits and Prior Authorizations for Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP)**

Effective February 1, 2021, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will be enforcing presumptive urine drug testing (UDT) limits published by the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS). DHS guidelines on drug testing state that presumptive UDT is limited to 15 tests within a 12-month period. UDT after the identification of the patient's drugs use or abuse profile must be limited to the specific drugs present on the initial profile. Claims submitted for services that exceed the published guidelines will be denied.

#### **In addition, Blue Cross will be implementing the following limits and prior authorization requirements effective February 1, 2021:**

##### **Limits**

Limits will be enforced according to DHS/MHCP guidelines, including:

“The frequency of drug testing should be individualized to the treatment plan and should not exceed one every seven days at any time during the treatment.”

Any presumptive UDT (CPT code 80307) with a date of service less than 7 days from the previous presumptive UDT will be subject to denial or recoupment. Also, any definitive UDT (HCPCS codes G0480-G0483) with a date of service less than 7 days from the previous definitive UDT will be subject to denial or recoupment.

##### **Prior Authorization Requirements**

Prior authorization will be required for the definitive UDT code G0483.

Prior authorization requests will be reviewed according to DHS guidelines, including: Drug or drug classes for which screening is performed, should only reflect those likely to be present based on the patient's medical history or current clinical presentation.

##### **Products Impacted:**

- Blue Advantage Families and Children (F&C)
- Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+)
- SecureBlue (MSHO)
- MinnesotaCare (MNCare)

Click [here](#) to access DHS/MHCP guidelines on Drug Testing.

##### **Questions?**

If you have questions, please contact Provider Services at **1-866-518-8448**.