

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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Update: Precertification for Commercial Inpatient Admissions

Note: Precertification for Commercial Inpatient Admissions will not be implemented on January 1, 2020.

As previously communicated in Provider Bulletins [P54-19](#) and [P54R1-19](#), Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) intended to implement a new policy requiring precertification/prior authorization for all planned, acute, inpatient admissions for commercial members, in order to help ensure medically necessary and appropriate care.

After careful consideration and discussions with various provider partners, a decision has been made to adjust the approach to this policy and further delay the implementation date in order to reduce administrative requirements for providers.

Blue Cross values the longstanding relationships we have with our provider partners and we're dedicated to creating a more seamless experience as we implement changes with the goal of better outcomes at a lower cost for our shared customers.

The adjusted policy and timeline will be published with further details in a future Provider Bulletin.

Questions?

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