

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### **Update on Knee Arthroscopy Criteria for MHCP Subscribers**

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will be changing the prior authorization guidelines for knee arthroscopy for Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) subscribers effective for dates of service on and after August 10, 2015. This includes Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP), MinnesotaCare, Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+) and SecureBlue<sup>SM</sup> (HMO SNP) subscribers.

A prior authorization for knee arthroscopy is only required for MHCP subscribers age 45 and older. This positive change is related to Provider Bulletin P23-15, entitled "Medical Necessity Review Criteria Update for MHCP Subscribers" that was published on June 4, 2015.

As stewards of healthcare expenditures for our subscribers, we are charged with ensuring the highest quality, evidence based care for our members. One method for doing so is through the prior authorization process. The primary purpose is to ensure that evidence based care is provided to our members, driving quality, safety, and affordability.

#### **Questions?**

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