

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### **Medical Necessity Review Criteria Vendor Change for Behavioral Health**

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, Blue Plus, and BlueLink TPA (Blue Cross) are informing you that we have changed medical necessity review criteria vendors for behavioral health.

Effective for dates of service May 4, 2015, and after, clinicians and peer reviewers will utilize McKesson 2014 InterQual® Criteria Set for Behavioral Health. For residential or inpatient stays, the criteria set effective at the time of admission will be used through discharge date.

**Exception:** Rule 25 Dimensions Criteria for review of residential chemical dependency services will continue to be used for Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP).

Other criteria that may be used for medical necessity review are Blue Cross Medical Policy, as well as MHCP and Medicare Local and National Coverage Determinations. For details about which guidelines are used for a specific procedure, please refer to the MN Government Programs prior authorization list available on our website at [providers.bluecrossmn.com](http://providers.bluecrossmn.com).

Criteria is available for review upon request. Requests must include your clinic NPI# and what services you are requesting criteria for. Email your request to [bhcriteriarequest@bluecrossmn.com](mailto:bhcriteriarequest@bluecrossmn.com).

#### **Questions?**

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