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Upcoming Commercial Preventive Benefit Changes for 2014 and 2015

Many Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) plans cover preventive services with no cost to the subscriber at the in-network provider level. Deductibles, cost-sharing and coinsurance may apply to out-of-network services. Some Blue Cross plans may not cover preventive services or have varying levels of coverage.

The benefit changes documented below are applicable to most Blue Cross commercial market products. Government Programs and Federal Employee Program (FEP) subscribers are excluded. Groups that use a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) other than Prime Therapeutics may have a different set of preventive benefits.

Non-preventive care received during a preventive care visit is subject to normal plan deductibles, cost-sharing and/or coinsurance.

This document outlines new additions to preventive care at a high level.

Non-grandfathered groups and policies, and groups (some may be grandfathered status) who have accepted our commercial preventive care package without deviation, will have the following additions for both **men and women**:

- **Generic tamoxifen and raloxifene for ages 35 and older** when prescribed for prevention of breast cancer for men and women at elevated risk, effective upon plan or policy years beginning on or after **October 1, 2014**. Brand versions of tamoxifen and raloxifene are eligible as a preventive benefit when a prescription drug exception request has been initiated and approved through Prime Therapeutics.
- **Lung cancer screening for ages 55–80**, effective upon plan or policy years beginning on or after **January 1, 2015**. Coverage for lung cancer screening as a preventive benefit is subject to the medical necessity requirements of Blue Cross medical policy “Lung Cancer Screening Using Low-Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT)” (V-08).

Questions?

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

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