

PROVIDER BULLETIN

Provider information



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Change in Certification of Need requirements for special transportation providers

Effective August 1, 2013, Blue Plus is updating the Certification of Need (CON) requirement and process for special transportation providers. Blue Plus is responding to the concerns that have been raised by Blue Plus participating providers and recognizes the amount of time that is being spent obtaining valid CONs. In response to provider feedback, Blue Plus has made a decision to reduce the number of groups that will require CONs.

All rides must continue to meet the criteria for special transportation services and be scheduled through BlueRide. Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) subscribers who need to schedule a ride to an eligible medical or dental appointment should call BlueRide at **(651) 662-8648** or toll free at **1-866-340-8648**.

Products that no longer require a CON as of August 1, 2013

- SecureBlueSM (HMO SNP) will no longer require a CON for any subscribers. Group numbers for SecureBlue subscribers begin with PP2.
- Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+) will no longer require CONs for the following group numbers (all subgroups):
PP041, PP042, PP044, PP051, PP052, PP054, PP055, PP056, PP057, PP075, PP076, PP077, PP455, PP456, PP457, PP476, PP555, PP556, PP557, PP576

Additional information

MHCP subscribers in any groups other than those listed above will continue to require a CON.

Remember that in all cases, the transportation must meet the criteria for special transportation services for an eligible appointment even if the CON is no longer required.

Questions?

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