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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 July 1, 2013, clinicians and peer reviewers will utilize the Mihalik Group's Medical Necessity Manual For Behavioral Health, as applicable, to aid in medical necessity determinations of the following services:

- Mental and chemical health inpatient and subacute inpatient
- Mental and chemical health residential
- Intensive behavioral interventions/applied behavioral analysis for autism spectrum disorders
- Mental and chemical health outpatient

Criteria is available for review, on a case-by-case basis, upon request. The Blue Cross clinician who is communicating the results of the case review will be able to assist you with your questions.

Government Programs will use Mihalik criteria in addition to Rule 25 Dimensions Criteria for review of chemical dependency services and Medicare/Minnesota Health Care Programs guidelines for other behavioral health services.

Questions?

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

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