

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

Provider information



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## Changes to Blue Plus MHCP pre-certification and notification requirements

Blue Plus is implementing a change in the pre-certification requirements to ensure that Blue Plus subscribers receive the appropriate quality and level of care for medical services. These requirements apply only to Minnesota Health Care Program (MHCP) subscribers.

### Pre-certification and/or pre-authorization requirements

Effective for dates of service on and after March 12, 2013, a pre-certification review will be **required** for the following service:

Hospital beds (all types, rental and purchase) – guidelines: MHCP Manual, Equipment and Supplies Chapter, Hospital Beds Section

### Changes

Effective January 1, 2013, the following services no longer require pre-authorization:

- Blepharoplasty, brow lifts and ptosis repairs
- Hyperhidrosis surgery
- Retisert and Ozurdex prescription medications

### Clarifications

Below are some clarifications to the pre-certification list:

- Hearing aids require authorization only when the hearing aid is not on the Department of Human Services (DHS) approved hearing aid list or the subscriber needs a replacement prior to the five-year expected usage of their current hearing aid.
- Seat lift mechanisms – For Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) and Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+) subscribers who are waiver eligible, the seat lift mechanism must be submitted to the care coordinator who will submit to Blue Plus for authorization. This will assure coordination of services between waiver payment and plan payment.
- Home care – For MSHO and MSC+ subscribers, home care agencies should submit requests to the subscriber's care coordinator. The care coordinator will submit the notification or authorization request to Blue Plus.

Reminder: All services provided must be medically necessary to be eligible for coverage. Services may be subject to retrospective review as determined by Blue Plus.

### Questions?

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