

Bulletin



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MHCP screening requirements for providers of children's and adult mental health services and chemical dependency assessments

The 2011 Minnesota State Legislature passed Minnesota Session Laws 2011, First Special Session, Chapter 9, Article 8, Section 9. The legislation directs the Department of Human Services commissioner to require individuals performing chemical dependency or mental health diagnostic assessments to use the approved standardized screening tools to identify whether the individual being assessed screens positive for a co-occurring mental health or chemical dependency disorder. Screening for co-occurring disorders must begin no later than December 31, 2011.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) directs participating providers who provide mental health diagnostic assessments and chemical dependency assessments for Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) members to comply with this Legislation. Please follow the instructions related to the screening process and screening tools provided by the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) in Bulletin 12-53-01 published on January 5, 2012.

Questions?

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