

# Bulletin



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## **Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota statement for providers**

On Wednesday, June 29, 2011, Ramsey County District Chief Judge Kathleen Gearin issued a ruling on what state functions should continue to receive funding in the event of a government shutdown on July 1, 2011. In her ruling, Judge Gearin identified the administration and payment of state public-program services as core functions of government that should continue.

Our expectation is for state public-program funding to continue at current levels for a minimum of 30 days in the event of a shutdown. Therefore, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota will continue to pay claims according to current contracts until further notice or in response to the final State budget agreement.

Blue Cross remains committed to serving the health care needs of our public program members enrolled in Blue Plus and minimizing disruption as much as possible during this time. We continue to work closely with our state agency contacts and will provide updates as new details become available.