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Legislative Change in Circumcision Service Delivery for Members of Minnesota Health Care Programs

For members of Minnesota Health Care Programs, claims payment for newborn circumcision, which was previously the responsibility of the Department of Human Services, is the responsibility of Blue Plus as of January 1, 2008. Circumcision coverage will now be limited to only those procedures which are medically necessary (a pathologic condition exists that requires circumcision). This limitation applies to circumcision for all ages. The newborn circumcision exception for religious practice was eliminated July 1, 2007.

A prior authorization will be required for all circumcisions for determination of medical necessity.

Member eligibility

This legislative change in circumcision benefits and claims processing applies to members in all Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) products:

MHCP product name	Group number begins with	Members alpha prefix
Blue Plus: Blue Advantage (PMAP, GAMC & MCS/MCS+)	PP01, PP02, PP03, PP04, PP05, PP06, PP07, PP08, PP09	XZG
Blue Plus: MinnesotaCare	PP1	XZG
Blue Plus: SecureBlue	PP2	XZS
Blue Plus: CareBlue	PP3	XZS
South Country Health Alliance: PMAP/GAMC	PF0	XZG
South Country Health Alliance: MCS+	PF0	XZG
South Country Health Alliance: MinnesotaCare	PF1	XZG
South Country Health Alliance: MSHO	PF0, PF2, PF3	XZS
South Country Health Alliance: AbilityCare	PF5	XZS

Questions?

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

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