

# PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### **Medical Necessity Criteria Change for Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) Members**

Effective April 1, 2015, Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP), MinnesotaCare and Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+) will no longer use Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) Medical Policy for the following reviews: cervical fusion, thoracic fusion and lumbar fusion. Instead, the reviews will be performed using McKesson InterQual® guidelines. McKesson InterQual® is proprietary material and can be requested in conjunction to a member's specific case.

As referenced in Provider Bulletin P29-14 entitled "Medical Necessity Criteria Update for MHCP Subscribers", dated October 9, 2014, Blue Cross may use various criteria to evaluate services. For the most current details about which guidelines are used for a specific procedure, please refer to the MN Government Programs prior authorization list available on our website at **providers. bluecrossmn.com**.

Please submit your request using the most current prior authorization form.

Documentation submitted for a fusion should contain the following information:

- Medical records documenting symptoms, signs, duration and severity of member complaints
- Imaging reports
- Documentation of all types of treatments tried and the member's response to treatment
- Clinical notes submitted for lumbar fusion should also address any issues with instability

#### **Questions?**

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