

# PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

## Provider information



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### **Durable Medical Equipment (DME) changes for some MHCP subscribers**

Effective January 1, 2014, the Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP)/MinnesotaCare DME network will be changing. Blue Plus developed a limited network of DME providers that meet the access and affordability needs of Minnesota Health Care Program subscribers. As a result, a number of DME providers will now be considered out of network. Hospital based (DME owned by hospitals) are not impacted by this change.

Subscribers will continue to have access to many providers in Minnesota. Please make sure you check subscriber's benefits for eligibility of specific DME prior to providing services. The limited network providers will be included in the member's provider directory.

#### **Products Impacted**

- Blue Advantage (PMAP only – members under 65)
- MinnesotaCare

#### **Prior authorization**

Subscribers that already have a prior authorization in place prior to January 1, 2014, will be grandfathered for the duration of the authorization after which time they will need to use a participating provider for DME.

Generally, there is no coverage for services that a subscriber receives from an out of network provider. If a subscriber is unable to obtain services from a network provider, services may be covered by a non-network provider. Service Authorization would be required. Please refer the subscriber to Blue Plus Customer Service or their Evidence of Coverage for further details on the process.

#### **Questions?**

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