

PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

Provider information



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Effective July 1, 2013, newest version of InterQual criteria being utilized

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) uses InterQual criteria from McKesson, as well as our medical and behavioral health policies for medical necessity decisions. Each year McKesson provides updated criteria to better address clinical presentations and treatment plans.

On July 1, 2013, the Blue Cross Utilization Management department began using the newest version of our medical necessity criteria, InterQual® 2013 for inpatient, long-term acute care, and acute rehabilitation decision making. The 2013 release includes content additions and changes including:

- New content for several criteria sets
- Format changes, mainly from a nested decision tree to question and answer
- Additional subsets for several criteria sets
- Retiring unused or rarely used subsets for several criteria sets
- More frequent updates to some criteria to help ensure alignment with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

We delayed implementation until July 1, 2013, because that is when most other Minnesota providers who use InterQual implement their new versions.

Questions?

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