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Coverage section change to medical policy IV-85: Bone Morphogenetic Protein

Effective March 9, 2012, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) changed the coverage section of medical policy IV-85: Bone Morphogenetic Protein (BMP) from:

Pre-Certification/Pre-Authorization: No. However, bone morphogenetic protein (BMP) is not covered when used for conditions other than spinal and long-bone conditions listed above. When BMP is used for indications that are considered investigative or not medically necessary, any procedures performed in conjunction with BMP will not be covered. This includes, but is not limited to, professional, facility, and anesthesia services as well as supplies.

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Viewing medical policies

Please see medical policy IV-85 for the current policy statement. Medical and behavioral health policies are available for use and review on the Blue Cross website at **providers.bluecrossmn.com**. From this site, there are two ways to access medical policy information depending on the patient's Blue plan membership.

For local Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota plan patients:

Select "Medical policy" (under Tools & Resources), read and accept the Blue Cross Medical Policy Statement, and then select "View All Active Policies." You have now navigated to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Medical and Behavioral Health Policy Manual, where there are several selections to assist with your inquiry.

For out-of-area Blue plan patients:

Select "Medical Policy PreCert/PreAuth Router" and click Go. You will be taken to the page where you select either medical policy or pre-certification/prior authorization and enter the patient's three-letter alpha prefix as found on their member ID card, and click Go. Once you accept the requirements, you will be routed to the patient's home plan where you can access medical policy or pre-certification/pre-authorization information.

Questions?

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

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