

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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Elimination of Prior Authorization Requirements for Two Medical Policies

Effective November 16, 2015, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) will no longer require prior authorization for the following services:

KRAS Mutation Analysis (Blue Cross Medical Policy # VI-20)

Surgical Treatment for Femoroacetabular Impingement (Blue Cross Medical Policy # IV-112)

The medical policy “KRAS Mutation Analysis” is being inactivated effective October 19, 2015, and will no longer be included on the commercial prior authorization list. The medical policy inactivation information was posted on September 1, 2015, in the “Upcoming Policies” section of the Blue Cross Medical Policy Manual. The medical policy “Surgical Treatment for Femoroacetabular Impingement” is **not** being inactivated; however, prior authorization is **no longer required** for the service for Commercial, Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP), MinnesotaCare, Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+) or SecureBlueSM (HMO SNP) products.

Additional Information

Policy changes are communicated in the Upcoming Policies section of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Medical and Behavioral Health Policy Manual. The Upcoming Policies section lists new, revised, or inactivated policies approved by the Blue Cross Medical and Behavioral Health Policy Committee and are effective 50 days from the date they were posted. To access the Manual, go to **providers.bluecrossmn.com**. Under Tools & Resources, select “Medical policy”, read and accept the Blue Cross Medical Policy Statement, and then select “View All Active Policies.”

Policy changes are also communicated in the Provider Press, which is a quarterly publication that is posted on the website in March, June, September, and December. All Medical policies reviewed by the Blue Cross Medical and Behavioral Health Policy Committee during the previous three months are listed under Medical and Behavioral Health Policy Updates. To access the Provider Press, go to **providers.bluecrossmn.com**. Under Forms & Publications, select “Provider Press” from the drop-down list of categories.

Questions?

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