

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### **Addition of Upravi® and Adempas® to Existing Drug-Related Prior Authorization Program**

Effective July 1, 2016, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) will require prior authorization (PA) for Upravi® (selexipag) and Adempas® (riociguat) in accordance with Blue Cross medical policy II-107, Advanced Therapies for Pharmacological Treatment of Pulmonary Hypertension.

As stewards of healthcare expenditures for our subscribers, we are charged with ensuring the highest quality, evidence based care for our members. One method for doing so is through the prior authorization process. The primary purpose is to ensure that evidence based care is provided to our members, driving quality, safety, and affordability.

#### **Products impacted**

Addition of the PA requirement for Upravi® applies to commercial lines of business **and** Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP), including Blue Advantage Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP), MinnesotaCare, Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+), and SecureBlue.

Addition of the PA requirement for Adempas® applies to commercial lines of business. A PA requirement for Adempas® is already in effect for MHCP.

PA criteria are currently posted and can be accessed using the Blue Cross provider link.

- Access **providers.bluecrossmn.com**
- Under Tools And Resources, select Medical policy, then acknowledge the Acceptance statement
- Select Medical and Behavioral Health Policies

#### **CoverMyMeds prior authorization request service**

As a reminder, CoverMyMeds (CMM) is a free service to providers which allows quick and easy submission of PA requests. Experience with CMM by other plans has demonstrated marked reductions in physician office call-backs regarding PA requests, after CMM is implemented. PA requests may also continue to be faxed to their review destination external to the CMM portal, as is the current practice.

You may access CMM at **www.covermymeds.com**. Select Help (top right of the web page) to view FAQs and Support tutorials (3-5 minutes), including live online chat support to help you get started. You will need to open a CMM account to submit requests using the portal.

#### **Questions?**

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