

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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Prior Authorization Requirements for a New Drug, Grazoprevir/Elbasvir

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) will require prior authorization (PA) for a new drug, grazoprevir/elbasvir (brand name not yet known). This PA requirement will be effective March 1, 2016, pending the release of FDA indications for this drug.

Grazoprevir/elbasvir (brand name not yet known) is a drug anticipated to be approved for the treatment of patients infected with chronic HCV GT1 with end stage renal disease on hemodialysis, and for patients infected with chronic HCV genotype 4, and is expected to be approved by the FDA on or after January 28, 2016.

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

This PA program applies to commercial lines of business **and** the following Minnesota Health Care Programs:

- Blue Advantage Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP)
- Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+)
- MinnesotaCare

Drug-specific PA criteria will be developed and posted after FDA-approved indications are released, 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 Utilization Management
- Select Pharmacy Utilization Management

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. Prior Authorization 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**.