

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### Changes to Prior Authorization for Infertility for Commercial Lines of Business

Effective January 16, 2017, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will be removing infertility injectable medications from the Prior Authorization (PA) list.

- Subscriber contract benefits should be reviewed prior to infertility treatment.
- Claims for infertility treatment will process through the claims system according to the subscriber's benefits.
- Providers can verify subscriber eligibility through the Availity portal solution, on their website at **Availity.com**.

#### Products Impacted

- This PA program only applies to commercial lines of business.
- These changes do not impact subscribers who have coverage through Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP), MinnesotaCare, SecureBlue (MSHO), Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+), Federal Employee Program (FEP), or Platinum Blue as those lines of business have separate PA requirements.

Only those services on the PA lists require prior authorization. Do not request authorization for services not on the PA lists. Claims for infertility treatment will process through the claims system according to the subscriber's benefits. Follow the steps below to review the list of services that require a PA.

1. Access the 'Provider Section' of the Blue Cross website at **providers.bluecrossmn.com**
2. Under 'Tools and Resources' select 'Medical policy' then acknowledge the Acceptance Statement.
3. Click on the '+' next to 'Utilization Management' and under the 'Precertification Lists' select the 'Commercial Pre-Certification/Pre-Authorization List.'

#### Questions?

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