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Updated: Change in Coverage for Detoxification Services for Minnesota Health Care Programs Subscribers

The information in this Bulletin clarifies Provider Bulletin P55-16, which was published on November 14, 2016.

Effective January 1, 2017, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Plus) will no longer cover detoxification (detox) services in a freestanding detox facility or residential treatment center as a substitute health service for Minnesota Health Care Programs subscribers. Blue Plus will follow the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) guidelines which state that Chemical Dependency (CD) treatment services do not include detox services when provided by a managed care organization unless the services are medically necessary and provided in an inpatient hospital setting.

Services provided in a free standing detox facility (Rule 32) are not covered through the Consolidated Chemical Dependency Treatment Fund (CCDTF). Detoxification is covered by the CCDTF only if it is part of a licensed program of care at a Rule 31 provider (MS, section 254B.01, Subdivision 3).

Detox services provided in a place of service other than an inpatient hospital that are billed to Blue Plus for dates of service January 1, 2017, and after will deny as not covered.

This change applies to the following Government products: Blue Advantage Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP), MinnesotaCare, Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+) and SecureBlue (HMO SNP).

Federal Employee Program, Platinum Blue, and Medicare Supplement subscribers are not impacted.

Questions?

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