

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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Prior Authorization Requirements for Breast MRI and Hip Arthroplasty

Effective May 8, 2017, the following changes will be made to the prior authorization list (PA) for Government Programs.

- Breast MRI PAs will be performed based on the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) Medical Policy V-07 Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) of the Breast
- Hip Arthroplasty (Hip Replacement) PAs will be required only if the member is under 60 years of age based on InterQual criteria

This applies to Blue Advantage Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP), MinnesotaCare, Secure Blue (MSHO) and Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+).

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

Services that require PA/Pre-Certification/Notification

Only services on the PA lists require prior authorization/pre-certification/notification. Do not request authorization for services not on the PA lists.

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 'MN Government Program Pre-Certification/Pre-Authorization List/Notification List'

Services that do not require PA may have medical necessity criteria as stated in Medical Policy and are subject to post-service review.

Questions?

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