

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



April 10, 2017

### Medical Drug Management

Effective May 26, 2017, in the absence of an applicable Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) medical policy, and/or a government national or local coverage document (NCD, LCD) published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) or the Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP), any medical drug requests/claims reviewed will be assessed according to FDA-approved drug labeling and indication, and/or CMS-recognized compendia for accepted off-label uses. If it is determined that a medical drug request/claim does not meet applicable criteria, the request/claim may be denied. Coverage may also be subject to pharmacy benefit management programs and formulary restrictions.

Reminder: As communicated in our medical policy acceptance statement, benefit plans vary in coverage and some plans may not provide coverage for certain services. Medicaid products, as well as some self – insured plans, may have additional policies and prior authorization requirements. Coverage decisions are subject to all terms and conditions of the applicable benefit plan, including specific exclusions and limitations, and to applicable state and/or federal law.

Receipt of benefits is subject to all terms and conditions of the member's plan documents. Members and providers should consult their contract, certificate of coverage, or summary plan description (SPD), as applicable, to review the provisions relating to a specific coverage determination, including exclusions and limitations. If there is a conflict between the information above and the contract or plan documents, the contract or plan documents govern.

### Medical Drugs that require Pre-Certification/Authorization/Notification

Only services and drugs listed on the Pre-Certification/Pre-Authorization List require prior authorization (PA) for coverage under the medical benefit. 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. Go to **providers.bluecrossmn.com**
2. Under 'Tools and Resources' select 'Medical policy' and then acknowledge the Acceptance Statement.
3. Click on the '+' next to 'Utilization Management' and under the 'Pre-Certification/Pre-Authorization/Notification Lists' select the appropriate health plan segment list.

### Reminder regarding Medical Policy updates and changes:

Medical Policy updates and changes are communicated in the Upcoming Medical Policy Notifications section of the Blue Cross website. The Upcoming Policies section lists new, revised, or inactivated policies approved by the Blue Cross Medical and Behavioral Health Policy Committee and are effective 50 days from the date they were posted. To access the website:

- Go to **providers.bluecrossmn.com**
- Under Tools & Resources, select "Medical Policy", and read/accept the Blue Cross Medical Policy Statement
- Select the "+" (plus) sign next to "Medical and Behavioral Health Policies" to see the Upcoming Medical Policy Notifications section

### Products Impacted

This notice applies to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota commercial and government plans.

### Questions?

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