

PROVIDER BULLETIN

PROVIDER INFORMATION



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Addition of Drug to the Vesicular Monoamine Transporter 2 Inhibitors (VMAT2) Prior Authorization with Quantity Limit Program

Effective August 1, 2017, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will be adding a prior authorization (PA) with quantity limit (QL) requirement for the following product. Please note that the Xenazine (tetrabenazine) PA with QL program has been renamed to Vesicular monoamine transporter 2 inhibitors (VMAT2) PA with QL.

Pharmacy Prior Authorization Program	Drug Name	Quantity Limit (per 30 days)
Vesicular monoamine transporter 2 inhibitors (VMAT2) PA with QL	AUSTEDO	6 mg- 60 tabs 9 mg, 12 mg- 120 tabs

As stewards of healthcare expenditures for our subscribers, we are charged with ensuring 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.

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

New PA criteria will be posted by July 1, 2017 and may 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 Programs

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. PA 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**.