

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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Government Programs Subscribers Prior Authorization Requirement for Spinal Fusion: Lumbar

Effective December 18, 2017, the following changes will be made to the prior authorization (PA) list for Government Programs:

Spinal Fusion (Lumbar) reviews will be performed using Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Medical Policy IV-87 Spinal Fusion: Lumbar.

Products Impacted

This change applies to the following Minnesota Health Care Programs:

- Blue Advantage Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP)
- MinnesotaCare
- SecureBlue (MSHO)
- Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+)

Prior Authorization Forms

To find the Spinal Fusion: Lumbar PA follow the steps below:

- Go to **providers.bluecrossmn.com**
- Select Forms & Publications under the News & Updates section
- Select the forms category “precertification/preauthorization/notification”

PA requests for Spinal Fusion: Lumbar that do not use the specific form will not be denied because the form was not completed. The intent of the form is to reduce the number of prior authorization denials for incomplete or incorrect information.

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**.