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Changes to Medical Policy IV-126 Sacroiliac Joint Fusion

Effective March 12, 2018, there will be changes to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) medical policy IV-126 “Sacroiliac Joint Fusion.”

As part of Blue Cross’ continual evaluation of standards of care, we are changing our policy position on minimally invasive sacroiliac joint fusion from experimental/investigative to medically necessary and appropriate when certain criteria are met, and a titanium triangular implant is used. This revision is based on a combination of newly published evidence and input from specialty societies and physicians from academic medical centers who indicate that this procedure is considered generally accepted medical practice in carefully selected patients.

Products Impacted

This medical policy change applies to subscribers that have coverage through all commercial and the following government lines of business: Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP), MinnesotaCare (MNCare), SecureBlue (MSHO), and Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+) health plans.

Reminder

Policy changes are communicated in the Upcoming Medical Policy Notifications section of the Blue Cross Medical and Behavioral Health Policy website. The Upcoming Medical Policy Notifications section lists new, revised, or inactivated policies approved by the Blue Cross Medical and Behavioral Health Policy Committee and are effective 45 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. The Upcoming Medical Policy Notifications section can be found by selecting the “+” (plus) sign next to “Medical and Behavioral Health Policies.”

Questions?

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