

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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Changes to Prior Authorization for Hip Arthroplasty, Hip Resurfacing and Knee Arthroplasty for Commercial and Government Programs Lines of Business

Effective March 12, 2018, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will be **removing** the following services from the Prior Authorization list for Commercial and Government Programs lines of business:

Commercial:

- IV-107 – Hip Arthroplasty (Hip Replacement) and Hip Resurfacing
- IV-122 – Knee Arthroplasty

Government Programs:

- InterQual: Hip Arthroplasty (Hip Replacement)
- InterQual: Knee Arthroscopic Knee Debridement

Products Impacted

- This PA program applies to subscribers that have coverage through Commercial and Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP), MinnesotaCare (MNCare), SecureBlue (MSHO), Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+), Medicare Supplement (Senior Gold, Basic Medicare Blue and Extended Basic Blue), Medicare Advantage or Platinum Blue health plans.
- The changes do not impact Federal Employee Program (FEP) as that line of business has separate PA requirements

Reminder regarding Medical Policy updates and changes

Medical Policy changes are communicated in the Upcoming Medical Policy Notifications section of the Blue Cross Medical and Behavioral Health Policy 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 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
- Select the “+” (plus) sign next to “Medical and Behavioral Health Policies” to see the Upcoming Medical Policy Notifications section

Questions?

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