

# PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### Pharmacy Benefit Update – New Drug-Related Prior Authorization (PA) with Quantity Limit (QL) Criteria: Samsca® (tolvaptan)

Effective July 1, 2018, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will require PA with QL for Samsca® (tolvaptan).

The intent of the Samsca® (tolvaptan) PA with QL program is to appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling. Requests for Samsca® will be reviewed when patient-specific documentation is provided.

As stewards of healthcare expenditures for our subscribers, we are charged with ensuring the highest quality, evidence-based care for our members. One method for doing so is through the prior authorization, quantity limit and step therapy process. The primary purpose is to ensure that evidence-based care is provided to our members, driving quality, safety, and affordability.

Pharmacy Prior Authorization Program	Drug Name	Quantity Limit
Samsca® (tolvaptan) Prior Authorization with Quantity Limit	Samsca® (tolvaptan)	15 mg – 30 tablets/365 days 30 mg – 60 tablets/365 days

#### 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 June 1, 2018 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 View All Active Policies
- 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.

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You may access CMM at [www.covermyeds.com](http://www.covermyeds.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**.