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Pharmacy Benefit Update – Brand COPAXONE® 20mg/mL and 40mg/mL Non-Formulary

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) is committed to providing subscribers access to safe, effective and cost-effective pharmacy care.

Effective July 1, 2018, brand Copaxone® (glatiramer acetate injection) will become a non-formulary medication for the Blue Plus formulary. Copaxone® will become a non-formulary medication for the Blue Plus formulary. The AP-rated fully substitutable generic equivalent, Glatopa® (glatiramer acetate injection), will be added to the formulary as the alternative to brand Copaxone® for the treatment of patients with relapsing-forms of multiple sclerosis. Therefore, on this effective date, both AP-rated fully substitutable generic equivalents to Copaxone available on the market, glatiramer acetate injection and Glatopa®, will be available on the Blue Plus formulary as treatment options for multiple sclerosis.

So that providers have ample time to transition their patients from Copaxone® to Glatopa® or glatiramer acetate injection, Blue Plus will allow transition fills to occur for Copaxone® until September 30, 2018. Thereafter starting on October 1, 2018, pharmacy claims submitted for Copaxone® will begin to reject at the point-of-sale as a non-formulary drug and will be subject to both formulary exception and prior authorization.

Non-Formulary Medications	Formulary Medications
Copaxone® 20mg/mL and 40mg/mL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Glatopa® (glatiramer acetate injection)• glatiramer acetate injection

Products Impacted

This notice applies to the following Minnesota Health Care Programs:

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

Additional Information

Subscriber's may contact you regarding this benefit change.

Questions?

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

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