

PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

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Addition of Drugs to the Metformin Extended Release (ER) Step Therapy (ST) with Quantity Limit (QL) Program

Effective July 1, 2018, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will be adding a ST with QL requirement for the following generic products.

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

Metformin ER ST QL Target Drugs	Quantity Limit (per 30 days)
metformin hcl tab ER 24hr osmotic ER	500 mg – 150 tablets 1000 mg - 60 tablets
metformin hcl tab ER 24hr modified release	500 mg – 120 tablets 1000 mg – 60 tablets

Please note, metformin hcl tab ER 24hr is not a target in the Metformin ER ST program.

Products Impacted

This PA program applies to commercial lines of business.

The Pharmacy ST program will be posted by July 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 Utilization Management
- 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 ST requests. Experience with CMM by other plans has demonstrated marked reductions in physician office call-backs regarding ST requests, after CMM is implemented. ST requests may also continue to be faxed to their review destination external to the CMM portal, as is the current practice.

You may access CMM at www.covermymeds.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**.

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