

PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

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New Drug - Epidiolex® (cannabidiol) will require Prior Authorization

Effective July 15, 2018 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will require prior authorization (PA) for Epidiolex® (cannabidiol) prior to use. Epidiolex® (cannabidiol) is a drug recently approved on June 25, 2018 for treatment of seizures associated with Lennox-Gastaut syndrome (LGS) and Dravet syndrome. The criteria for approval is based on FDA approved product labeling. Requests will be reviewed when patient-specific documentation has been provided.

The intent of this PA is to ensure appropriate selection of patients for treatment according to FDA approved product labeling. The Epidiolex® (cannabidiol) PA defines appropriate use as use in patients who have an FDA approved indication, who are receiving the FDA labeled dose, and who do not have any FDA labeled contraindications.

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 prior authorization process. The primary purpose is to ensure that evidence-based care is provided to our subscribers, driving quality, safety, and affordability.

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 (MNCare)

The criteria for approval is based on FDA approved product labeling. Drug-specific PA criteria will be developed and posted once available. Medical policy can 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

CoverMyMeds prior authorization request service

Prescribers can submit ePA drug requests for Blue Cross members who have pharmacy benefits through Blue Cross by either submitting a request through CoverMyMeds's (CMM) free web portal or by sending an electronic NCPDP file to Prime through an integrated Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system during the e-prescribing process.

- To access CMM, go to www.covermymeds.com
- The first time you use the portal to submit a PA, you will need to create a CMM account.
- For help using the CMM site select Support (top of the web page) to view FAQs, CMM physician training webinar offerings, and support options to help you get started.

Questions?

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

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