

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



August 1, 2018

### **Clarification to MAPD PA Requirements for Hereditary Angioedema (HAE) Medical Drugs**

Effective October 1, 2018, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) will be making the following changes to the prior authorization (PA) list for the Medicare Advantage (MAPD) program:

- C1 Esterase Inhibitor [human] (Berinert<sup>®</sup>, Cinryze<sup>®</sup>) reviews will be performed using medical policy II-102
- C1 Esterase Inhibitor [recombinant] (Ruconest<sup>®</sup>) reviews will be performed using medical policy II-102
- Ecallantide (Kalbitor<sup>®</sup>) reviews will be performed using medical policy II-102
- Icatibant (Firazyr<sup>®</sup>) reviews will be performed using medical policy II-102

#### **Products Impacted**

This change only applies to subscribers that have coverage through Medicare Advantage.

#### **Before Submitting a PA Request**

Providers are asked to check Blue Cross medical policy criteria and attach **all required clinical documentation** with the PA request including documentation of previous therapies tried and evidence of symptom improvement using the drug. PA requests will be reviewed when patient-specific, relevant medical documentation has been submitted supporting the medical necessity of the drug. Failure to submit required information may result in review delays (if outreach is needed to obtain missing clinical information) or a denial of the request due to insufficient information.

#### **To Review the Blue Cross Policy Criteria:**

- Go to [providers.bluecrossmn.com](http://providers.bluecrossmn.com)
- Under Tools and Resources, select “Medical Policy”, then acknowledge the Acceptance statement
- Select the “+” (plus) sign next to Medical and Behavioral Health Policies
- Prior to August 6, 2018: Select the Upcoming Policy Notifications option to view the policy criteria.
- After August 6, 2018: Select the “Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Medical Policies” link to access the Policy Search Tool.

#### **Submitting a Medical Drug PA Request**

Providers can submit an electronic medical drug (ePA) request:

- Using Online via our free Availity provider portal
- Using a NCPDP standard XML file feed to Blue Cross through CenterX, via an integrated Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system. To learn how to do this, providers should contact their EMR vendor for assistance.
- Using the appropriate Government Program pre-authorization/pre-certification form available online at [providers.bluecrossmn.com](http://providers.bluecrossmn.com).
- Out of state, non-contracted providers can use the process above or submit the PA request to Blue Cross using their own form (secure fax: 651.662.2810).

#### **Questions?**

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