

# PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### Pharmacy Benefit Update – New Drug-Related Prior Authorization (PA) Criteria: Elmiron® (pentosane polysulfate sodium)

Effective October 1, 2018, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will require PA for Elmiron® (pentosane polysulfate sodium) under the pharmacy benefit plan.

The intent of the PA program for Elmiron (pentosane polysulfate sodium) is to ensure appropriate selection of patients for treatment according to product labeling and/or clinical studies and/or guidelines. The PA defines appropriate use if there is a confirmed diagnosis of interstitial cystitis/bladder pain syndrome (IC/BPS) and trial of both behavioral modification or self-care practices, and first- or second-line treatment agents (phenazopyridine, hydroxyzine, cimetidine or amitriptyline).

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

Pharmacy Prior Authorization Program	Drug Name
Elmiron® (pentosane polysulfate sodium) PA	Elmiron® (pentosane polysulfate sodium)

### 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)

New PA criteria will be posted by September 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

Prescribers can submit ePA drug requests for Blue Cross subscribers 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](http://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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