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Pharmacy Benefit Update – New Drug-Related Prior Authorization (PA) with Quantity Limit (QL) Criteria: Topiramate Extended Release (ER)

Effective January 1, 2019, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will require PA with QL for Topiramate ER.

The intent of the Topiramate ER PA with QL program is to encourage appropriate selection of patients for treatment according to product labeling and/or clinical studies and/or guidelines. Patients with a prior claim for an anti-seizure drug which is not topiramate will not be subject to the prior authorization.

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.

Drug Name	Quantity Limit per 30 days
Qudexy XR (topiramate ER)	25 mg – 30 capsules 50 mg – 30 capsules 100 mg – 30 capsules 150 mg – 30 capsules 200 mg – 60 capsules
Trokendi XR (topiramate ER)	25 mg – 30 capsules 50 mg – 30 capsules 100 mg – 30 capsules 200 mg – 60 capsules

Products Impacted

This PA program applies to commercial lines of business.

New PA criteria will be posted by December 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

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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
- 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**.