

# PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

## PROVIDER INFORMATION

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### Reminder for New to Market Medical Drugs: Medical Drug Evaluation Process List

As stewards of healthcare expenditures for our subscribers, we are charged with ensuring our subscribers receive safe, appropriate, and highest quality care while also managing overall costs. As new medical drugs and/or drug indications are reviewed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use in the United States, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) may decide to add a drug to our [Medical Drug Evaluation Process List](#). Medical drugs are generally administered by infusion or injection by a healthcare professional and process under a subscriber's medical benefit.

**While new medical drugs and/or drug indications are under clinical review, the treatment is considered experimental-investigative until the evaluation process has been completed and a determination made if the treatment should be a covered service under the medical benefit.** Covered services are determined in accordance with Blue Cross' policies in effect at the time treatment is rendered. Claims submitted while a drug is under review are subject to retrospective review and may be denied.

Providers are encouraged to review the [Medical Drug Evaluation Process List](#) periodically for updates. Additional information on the process is outlined on the list.

### Members Impacted

Subscribers with coverage through commercial health plans (excluding Federal Employee Program (FEP) which has separate requirements).

### Notes:

- The requirement of Committee Review is a precondition of Blue Cross coverage and applies in addition to all other conditions and terms stated in Blue Cross contracts.
- For additional information on the Medical Drug Evaluation Process, see **Medical Policy II-174: New FDA-Approved Medical Drugs or Medical Drug Indications**. To access Blue Cross medical policies:
  - Go to [bluecrossmn.com/providers/medical-management](http://bluecrossmn.com/providers/medical-management)
  - Read and accept the Blue Cross Medical Management Disclaimer
  - Select the Medical Policies tab

### Questions?

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