

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



April 1, 2022

### Updated Minnesota Health Care Programs and Minnesota Senior Health Options Prior Authorization and Medical Policy Requirements

Effective June 1, 2022, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will be updating its government programs medical policy and pre-authorization/pre-certification/notification lists. The lists clarify medical policy, prior authorization, and notification requirements for the Minnesota Health Care Programs (Families and Children, MinnesotaCare, and Minnesota Senior Care Plus) and Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) products.

As stewards of healthcare expenditures for our subscribers, we are charged with ensuring they receive appropriate, quality care while also maintaining overall costs. The prior authorization process ensures that the health service or drug being proposed is medically necessary, and reflective of evidence-based medicine and industry standards, prior to treatment. This process helps us manage the cost and quality of care appropriately for our members.

The following **new** policies and/or prior authorization requirements **will be applicable** to subscriber claims on or after **June 1, 2022**.

Policy #	Policy Name	New Policy	Prior Authorization Required	
			Medicaid	MSHO
ING-CC-0205	Fyarro (sirolimus albumin bound)	Yes	Yes	Yes
ING-CC-0207	Vyvgart (efgartigimod alfa-fcab)	Yes	Yes	Yes
ING-CC-0209	Leqvio (inclisiran)	Yes	Yes	Yes

The following policies have changes in clinical criteria and **will be applicable** to subscriber claims on or after **June 1, 2022**.

Policy #	Policy Name	Prior Authorization Required	
		Medicaid	MSHO
ING-CC-0018	Agents for Pompe Disease (Lumizyme, Nexviazyme)	Yes	Yes
ING-CC-0102	Gonadotropin Releasing Hormone (GnRH) Analogs for Oncologic Indications	Yes	Yes
ING-CC-0168	Tecartus (brexucabtagene autoleucel)	Yes	Yes

Policy #	Policy Name	Prior Authorization Required	
		Medicaid	MSHO
ING-CC-0190	Nulibry (fosdenopterin)	Yes	Yes
ING-CC-0185	Oxlumo (lumasiran)	Yes	Yes
AI-03	Advanced Oncologic Imaging <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PET Imaging for Oncologic Indications</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes
AI-05	Advanced Imaging of the Heart <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cardiac CT with Quantitative Evaluation of Coronary Calcification</li> <li>• Cardiac MRI</li> <li>• Myocardial Perfusion Imaging</li> <li>• Cardiac Blood Pool Imaging</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes
IP-01	Interventional Pain – Epidural Injection Procedures and Diagnostic Selective Nerve Root Blocks	Yes	Yes
IP-02	Interventional Pain – Paravertebral Facet Injection/Medial Branch Nerve Block/Neurolysis	Yes	Yes
IP-03	Interventional Pain – Regional Sympathetic Nerve Block	Yes	Yes
IP-04	Interventional Pain – Sacroiliac Joint Injection	No	No
IP-05	Interventional Pain – Spinal Cord and Nerve Root Stimulators	Yes	Yes

**Where do I find the current government programs Pre-Certification/Pre-Authorization/Notification list?**

Go to <https://provider.publicprograms.bluecrossmn.com/minnesota-provider/resources/prior-authorization>  
**OR**

Go to [providers.bluecrossmn.com](https://providers.bluecrossmn.com)

- Under Tools & Resources, select “Minnesota Health Care Programs site”
- Under Resources, select “Prior Authorization Requirements” and scroll down to “Related Information” to select “Prior Authorization Grid”

**Where do I find the current government programs Medical Policy Grid?**

Go to <https://provider.publicprograms.bluecrossmn.com/minnesota-provider/resources/provider-manuals-and-guides>

- Click on “Medical Policies and UM Guidelines”

**OR**

Go to [providers.bluecrossmn.com](https://providers.bluecrossmn.com)

- Under Tools & Resources, select “Minnesota Health Care Programs site”
- Under Resources, select “Manuals and Guides”
- Click on “Medical Policies and UM Guidelines”

**Where can I access medical policies?**

- **MN DHS (MHCP) Policies:**

[http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET\\_DYNAMIC\\_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectonMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=dhs16\\_157386](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectonMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=dhs16_157386)

- **Blue Cross Policies:**

<https://www.bluecrossmn.com/providers/medical-policy-and-utilization-management>

- **Amerigroup Policies:**

<https://provider.publicprograms.bluecrossmn.com/minnesota-provider/medical-policies-and-clinical-guidelines>

**AND**

<https://www.anthem.com/pharmacyinformation/clinicalcriteria>

**Please note that the Precertification Look-Up Tool (PLUTO) is not available for prior authorization look up.**

**Questions?**

If you have questions, please contact Blue Cross Provider Services at **1-866-518-8448**.