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Updated Minnesota Health Care Programs and Minnesota Senior Health Options prior authorization and medical policy requirements

Effective July 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 subscribers.

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

Policy #	Policy name	New policy	Prior authorization required	
			Medicaid	MSHO
CG-MED-41	Moderate to Deep Anesthesia Services for Dental Surgery in the Facility Setting	Yes	No	No

The following prior authorization requirements will be removed and **will not be applicable** under the medical benefit plan to subscriber claims on or after **July 1, 2022**. However, the policy will remain in effect:

Policy #	Policy name	Prior authorization required	
		Medicaid	MSHO
MHCP	General Anesthesia for Dental Procedures	Yes	Yes

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The following policies have transitioned to new policy numbers, with changes in clinical criteria, and **will be applicable** to subscriber claims on or after **July 1, 2022**:

New policy #	Prior policy #	Policy name	Prior authorization required	
			Medicaid	MSHO
ING-CC-0028	MHCP	Benlysta (belimumab)	Yes	Yes
MHCP	MHCP; CG-DME-20	Orthopedic Footwear	Yes	Yes

Where do I find the current government program’s *Precertification/Preauthorization/Notification List*?

- Go to https://provider.publicprograms.bluecrossmn.com/docs/inline/MNMN_CAID_PriorAuthorizationList.pdf?v=202203311948.

OR

- Go to [bluecrossmn.com/providers](https://www.bluecrossmn.com/providers) > Tools & Resources > Minnesota Health Care Programs site > Prior Authorization > *Prior Authorization List*.

Where do I find the current government program’s *Medical Policy Grid*?

- Go to https://provider.publicprograms.bluecrossmn.com/docs/gpp/MNMN_CAID_MedicalPolicyGrid.pdf?v=202203311949.

OR

- Go to [bluecrossmn.com/providers](https://www.bluecrossmn.com/providers) > Tools & Resources > Minnesota Health Care Programs site > Resources > Manuals and Guidelines > Medical Policies and Clinical UM Guidelines > *Medical Policy Grid*.

Where can I access medical policies?

- MN DHS (MHCP) policies: http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=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** is not available for prior authorization look up.

Questions?

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