

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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

Effective September 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 **September 1, 2022**.

Policy #	Policy Name	New Policy	Prior Authorization Required	
			MHCP	MSHO
ING-CC-0214	Carvykti (ciltacabtagene autoleucel)	Yes	Yes	Yes
CG-LAB-19	Laboratory Evaluation of Vitamin B12	Yes	No	No
CG-LAB-20	Thyroid Testing	Yes	No	No
CG-LAB-21	Serum Iron Testing	Yes	No	No

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

New Policy #	Prior Policy #	Policy Name	Prior Authorization Required	
			MHCP	MSHO
GENE.00052	GT-07	Whole Genome Sequencing, Whole Exome Sequencing, Gene Panels, and Molecular Profiling	Yes	Yes

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

Policy #	Policy Name	Prior Authorization Required	
		MHCP	MSHO
SP-02	Spine – Cervical Arthroplasty	Yes	Yes
SP-03	Spine – Cervical Decompression	Yes	Yes
SP-04	Spine – Lumbar Arthroplasty	Yes	Yes
SP-05	Spine – Lumbar Discectomy, Foraminotomy, and Laminotomy	Yes	Yes
SP-06	Spine – Lumbar Fusion and Treatment of Spinal Deformity	Yes	Yes
JO-02	Joint Surgery – Knee Procedures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knee Arthroplasty</li> <li>• Knee Arthroscopy and Open Procedures</li> <li>• Meniscal Allograft Transplantation of the Knee</li> <li>• Treatment of Osteochondral Defects</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes
JO-03	Joint Surgery – Shoulder Procedures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shoulder Arthroplasty</li> <li>• Shoulder Arthroscopy and Open Procedures</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes
JO-04	Musculoskeletal- Small Joint Surgery	No	No
SP-08	Spine – Sacroiliac Joint Fusion	Yes	Yes
SDM-01	Sleep Disorder Management	Yes	Yes
ING-CC-0194	Cabenuva (cabotegravir extended-release; rilpivirine extended-release) Injection (Medicaid only)	Yes	No

**Where do I find the current government programs *Precertification/Preauthorization/Notification List*?**

- Go to [https://provider.publicprograms.bluecrossmn.com/docs/inline/MNMN\\_CAID\\_PriorAuthorizationList.pdf?v=202203311948](https://provider.publicprograms.bluecrossmn.com/docs/inline/MNMN_CAID_PriorAuthorizationList.pdf?v=202203311948).

or

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

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

- Go to [https://provider.publicprograms.bluecrossmn.com/docs/gpp/MNMN\\_CAID\\_MedicalPolicyGrid.pdf?v=202203311949](https://provider.publicprograms.bluecrossmn.com/docs/gpp/MNMN_CAID_MedicalPolicyGrid.pdf?v=202203311949).

or

- Go to [bluecrossmn.com/providers](https://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](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 **1-866-518-8448**.