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MHCP Pharmacy Benefit Update: New drug-related Prior Authorization (PA) Criteria: Vtama® (tapinarof)

Effective **December 1, 2022**, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will require **PA for Vtama® (tapinarof)** under the pharmacy benefit plan.

The intent of the **Vtama® (tapinarof) PA** program is to promote appropriate selection of patients for treatment according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies.

As stewards of healthcare expenditures for our subscribers, we are charged with ensuring they receive appropriate, quality care while also managing 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

Target Agent
Vtama® (tapinarof) topical cream 1%

Products Impacted

This PA program applies to the following Minnesota Health Care Programs.

- Families and Children [*formerly known as* Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP)]
- MinnesotaCare (MNCare)
- Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+)

New PA criteria will be posted by December 1, 2022 and may be accessed using the Blue Cross provider link.

- Go to bluecrossmn.com/providers
- Under “Medical management”, select the link “Pharmacy benefit policies and prescription drug utilization management”
- Using the Search tool, enter the name of the new policy listed above

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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 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 for a member enrolled in a Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) plan, please contact provider services at **1-866-518-8448**.

For all other questions, contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or **1-800-262-0820**.