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

Effective January 1, 2023, 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 MHCP (Families and Children, MinnesotaCare, and Minnesota Senior Care Plus) and 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 January 1, 2023.

Policy #	Policy name	New policy	Prior authorization required	
			MHCP	MSHO
MED.00142	Gene Therapy for Cerebral Adrenoleukodystrophy	Yes	Yes	Yes

The following policies have transitioned to new policy numbers, with changes in *Clinical Criteria*, and **will be applicable** to subscriber claims on or after January 1, 2023.

New policy #	Prior policy #	Policy name	Prior authorization required	
			MHCP	MSHO
CG-GENE-16	MHCP CG-GENE-16	BRCA Genetic Testing	Yes	Yes

The following prior authorization requirements will be removed and **will not be applicable** to subscriber claims on or after January 1, 2023. However, the policies will remain in effect.

Code	Code description	Policy source
0213T	Injection(s), diagnostic or therapeutic agent, paravertebral facet (zygapophyseal) joint (or nerves innervating that joint) with ultrasound guidance, cervical or thoracic; single level	IP-02

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Code	Code description	Policy source
0214T	Injection(s), diagnostic or therapeutic agent, paravertebral facet (zygapophyseal) joint (or nerves innervating that joint) with ultrasound guidance, cervical or thoracic; second level	IP-02
0215T	Injection(s), diagnostic or therapeutic agent, paravertebral facet (zygapophyseal) joint (or nerves innervating that joint) with ultrasound guidance, cervical or thoracic; third and any additional level(s)	IP-02
0216T	Injection(s), diagnostic or therapeutic agent, paravertebral facet (zygapophyseal) joint (or nerves innervating that joint) with ultrasound guidance, lumbar or sacral; single level	IP-02
0217T	Injection(s), diagnostic or therapeutic agent, paravertebral facet (zygapophyseal) joint (or nerves innervating that joint) with ultrasound guidance, lumbar or sacral; second level	IP-02
0218T	Injection(s), diagnostic or therapeutic agent, paravertebral facet (zygapophyseal) joint (or nerves innervating that joint) with ultrasound guidance, lumbar or sacral; third and any additional level(s)	IP-02

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.

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 programs *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 **1-866-518-8448**.