

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



February 1, 2023

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

Effective April 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 **April 1, 2023**.

Policy #	Policy name	New policy	Prior authorization required	
			MHCP	MSHO
MED.00135	Gene Therapy for Hemophilia	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 **April 1, 2023**.

New policy #	Prior policy #	Policy name	Prior authorization required	
			MHCP	MSHO
Blue Cross II-16	MHCP	Botulinum Toxin	Yes	Yes

The following policies have changes in clinical criteria and **will be applicable** to subscriber claims on or after **April 1, 2023**.

P7-23  
Distribution: [bluecrossmn.com/providers/forms-and-publications](http://bluecrossmn.com/providers/forms-and-publications)  
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Amerigroup Partnership Plan, LLC, an independent company, is delegated by Blue Plus to provide certain administrative services to Blue Plus health plans.

Policy #	Policy name	Prior authorization required	
		MHCP	MSHO
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
AI-01	Advanced Imaging of the Brain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PET Imaging of the Brain</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes
AI-03	Advanced Oncologic Imaging: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PET Imaging for Oncologic Indications</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes

**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*?**

- 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**.