

# PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



March 8, 2023

### **MHCP Pharmacy Benefit Update: Revised Drug-Related Prior Authorization (PA) Requirement Notification, Effective April 1, 2023**

For prescription drugs covered under the pharmacy benefit, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will be publishing revised drug-related PA requirements 14 days in advance of implementation for dates of service beginning April 1, 2023. The requirements will be posted in the Upcoming Pharmacy Policy Notifications section of the Blue Cross Resources for Health Care Providers website.

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.

#### **Products Impacted**

This information update 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+)

Revised drug-related PA requirements going into effect on April 1, 2023 will be posted by March 17, 2023 in the Upcoming Pharmacy Policy Notifications section of the Blue Cross Resources for Health Care Providers website. To access the website:

- Go to [providers.bluecrossmn.com](https://providers.bluecrossmn.com)
- Under Medical management, select the link "Pharmacy benefit policies and prescription drug utilization management"
- Select "Upcoming **Medicaid** pharmacy policy notifications"

#### **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 <http://www.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.

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### **Provide Feedback on Future Pharmacy Program Policies**

Participating providers are invited to submit for consideration scientific, evidence-based information, professional consensus opinions, and other information supported by medical literature relevant to future pharmacy program policies.

The future pharmacy program policies are available for physician comment for at least 14 days from the posting date found in the Upcoming Pharmacy Policy Notifications section of the Blue Cross Resources for Health Care Providers website. To access the website, follow the steps above. Make sure your voice is heard by providing feedback directly to us.

To submit feedback, complete the [Provider Feedback Form](#) online.

### **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**.