

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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

Effective **September 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 **September 1, 2023**.

Policy #	Policy name	New policy	Prior authorization required	
			MHCP	MSHO
MHCP	Revcovi (elapegademase-lvlr)	Yes	Yes	Yes
CC-0236	Signifor LAR (pasireotide)	Yes	No	No
Blue Cross II-198	Fecal Microbiota Transplantation (Rebyota)	Yes	No	No

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

Policy #	Policy name	Prior authorization required	
		MHCP	MSHO
CC-0002	Colony Stimulating Factor Agents	Yes	Yes
CC-0125	Opdivo (nivolumab)	Yes	Yes
CC-0072	Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF) Inhibitors (Alymsys, Macugen, Mvasii, Vabysmo and Zirabev only)	Yes	Yes
CC-0197	Jemperli (dostarlimab-gxly)	Yes	Yes

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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
CC-0119	Yervoy (ipilimumab)	Yes	Yes
CC-0065	Hemophilia A and von Willebrand Disease	Yes	Yes
CC-0003	Immunoglobulins	Yes	Yes
CC-0061	GnRH Analogs for the Treatment of Non-Oncologic Indications	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
SP-07	Spine — Lumbar Laminectomy	Yes	Yes
SP-08	Spine — Sacroiliac Joint Fusion	Yes	Yes
SP-09	Spine — Vertebroplasty/Kyphoplasty	Yes	Yes
SDM-01	Sleep Disorder Management	Yes	Yes

The following policies and/or prior authorization requirements will be archived and **will not be applicable** under the medical benefit plan to subscriber claims on or after **September 1, 2023**.

Policy #	Policy name	Prior authorization required	
		MHCP	MSHO
CC-0070	Jetrea (ocriplasmin)	Yes	Yes

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

Code	Code description	Policy source
95717	Electroencephalogram (EEG), continuous recording, physician or other qualified health care professional review of recorded events, analysis of spike and seizure detection, interpretation and report, 2-12 hours of EEG recording; without video	CG-MED-46
95718	Electroencephalogram (EEG), continuous recording, physician or other qualified health care professional review of recorded events, analysis of spike and seizure detection, interpretation and report, 2-12 hours of EEG recording; with video (VEEG)	CG-MED-46
95719	Electroencephalogram (EEG), continuous recording, physician or other qualified health care professional review of recorded events, analysis of spike and seizure detection, each increment of greater than 12 hours, up to 26 hours of EEG recording, interpretation and report after each 24-hour period; without video	CG-MED-46
95720	Electroencephalogram (EEG), continuous recording, physician or other qualified health care professional review of recorded events, analysis of spike and seizure detection, each increment of greater than 12 hours, up to 26 hours of EEG recording, interpretation and report after each 24-hour period; with video (VEEG)	CG-MED-46

Code	Code description	Policy source
95721	Electroencephalogram (EEG), continuous recording, physician or other qualified health care professional review of recorded events, analysis of spike and seizure detection, interpretation, and summary report, complete study; greater than 36 hours, up to 60 hours of EEG recording, without video	CG-MED-46
95722	Electroencephalogram (EEG), continuous recording, physician or other qualified health care professional review of recorded events, analysis of spike and seizure detection, interpretation, and summary report, complete study; greater than 36 hours, up to 60 hours of EEG recording, with video (VEEG)	CG-MED-46
95723	Electroencephalogram (EEG), continuous recording, physician or other qualified health care professional review of recorded events, analysis of spike and seizure detection, interpretation, and summary report, complete study; greater than 60 hours, up to 84 hours of EEG recording, without video	CG-MED-46
95724	Electroencephalogram (EEG), continuous recording, physician or other qualified health care professional review of recorded events, analysis of spike and seizure detection, interpretation, and summary report, complete study; greater than 60 hours, up to 84 hours of EEG recording, with video (VEEG)	CG-MED-46
95725	Electroencephalogram (EEG), continuous recording, physician or other qualified health care professional review of recorded events, analysis of spike and seizure detection, interpretation, and summary report, complete study; greater than 84 hours of EEG recording, without video	CG-MED-46
95726	Electroencephalogram (EEG), continuous recording, physician or other qualified health care professional review of recorded events, analysis of spike and seizure detection, interpretation, and summary report, complete study; greater than 84 hours of EEG recording, with video (VEEG)	CG-MED-46

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

- Go to [https://provider.publicprograms.bluecrossmn.com/docs/inline/MNPN\\_CAID\\_PriorAuthorizationList.pdf?v=202203311948](https://provider.publicprograms.bluecrossmn.com/docs/inline/MNPN_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/MNPN\\_CAID\\_MedicalPolicyGrid.pdf?v=202203311949](https://provider.publicprograms.bluecrossmn.com/docs/gpp/MNPN_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**.