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Commercial Pharmacy Benefit Update: New and Revised Drug-Related Prior Authorization (PA) Requirement Notification, Effective October 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 new and revised drug-related PA requirements 45 days in advance of implementation for dates of service beginning October 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 the highest quality, evidence-based care. This is accomplished through expanded development of pharmacy policies and through management of these policies to include the PA process. The primary purpose of the PA process is to ensure that evidence-based care is provided to our subscribers, driving quality, safety, and affordability.

Products Impacted

This information update applies to commercial lines of business.

New and revised drug-related PA requirements going into effect on October 1, 2023, will be posted by August 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 [For Providers | BCBSMN \(bluecrossmn.com\)](https://www.bluecrossmn.com/providers)
- Under Pharmacy management, select the link "Pharmacy benefit policies and prescription drug utilization management"
- Select "Upcoming 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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Provider 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 45 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 at [Provider Feedback Form](#).

Questions?

Please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or **1-800-262-0820**.