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MHCP Pharmacy Benefit Update: New and Revised Drug-Related Prior Authorization (PA) Requirement Notification, Effective November 1, 2023

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) is publishing new and revised drug-related PA requirements for prescription drugs covered under the pharmacy benefit for dates of service beginning November 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.

New and Revised drug-related PA requirements going into effect on **November 1, 2023**, will be posted by **October 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)
- Under Pharmacy management, select "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.

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+)

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Distribution: [bluecrossmn.com/providers/forms-and-publications](https://www.bluecrossmn.com/providers/forms-and-publications)

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?

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**.