

# PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### **Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) and Nursing Facility (NF) Authorizations for Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) Subscribers**

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) is clarifying requirements for the use of Form DHS-4461, Nursing Facility Communication Form, for Nursing Facility services for Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) and MSC+ subscribers.

NF Providers are required to submit DHS-4461 to Blue Cross to meet pre-certification and concurrent review requirements. This applies to all providers in Minnesota and bordering counties. Pre-certification and concurrent reviews apply to health services provided to MSHO and MSC+ subscribers. SNF Providers are required to obtain precertification from Blue Cross prior to admitting a subscriber. If the admission is emergent or after business hours, providers are required to obtain pre-certification within two (2) business days after the admission.

Skilled admissions for MSHO members require prior authorization for the skilled services, as well as submission of form DHS-4461. The prior authorization should be submitted per our standard prior authorization process and NOT submitted with the DHS-4461.

DHS-4461 must be used to report non-skilled days for MSHO subscribers and both skilled and non-skilled days for MSC+ subscribers. Providers can obtain the form at this link: [DHS-4461-ENG \(Nursing Facility \(NF\) Communication Form\) \(state.mn.us\)](#). Fax the DHS-4461 form to 651-662-6283.

#### **Questions?**

For questions regarding MHCP subscribers, please contact MHCP Provider Services at **1-866-518-8448** or send an email to [MHCPProviders@bluecrossmn.com](mailto:MHCPProviders@bluecrossmn.com).