

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



June 3, 2024

### Change to Management of Medical Specialty Drugs

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) is committed to providing our members with access to high-quality health care that is consistent with evidence-based, nationally recognized clinical criteria and guidelines. Blue Cross will be implementing a change in the way that certain specialty drugs are managed when the specialty drug is reimbursed under the medical benefit.

Effective August 1, 2024, Magellan Rx Management, a Prime Therapeutics Company (Prime/MRx) will manage medical drugs. Beginning July 25, providers will have access to enter prior authorization requests for dates of service August 1 and beyond. Blue Cross will transfer prior authorizations previously approved by Blue Cross and/or eviCore Healthcare (eviCore) to Prime/MRx. A new authorization will not be necessary until the end date of the existing authorization.

Prior authorizations for medical specialty drugs, administered in the following settings, require prior authorization:

- Physician Office (POS 11)
- Patient Homes (POS 12)
- Outpatient Facilities (POS 19, 22)
- Inpatient Facilities for CAR-T only (POS 21)

To determine if a medical specialty drug requires authorization, review medical pharmacy policies, and/or post-service claim edit policies, providers can access the Prime/MRx provider portal, <https://mrxgateway.com/bcbsmn/policydisplay/50>. Prior authorization look-up tools in Availity essentials (Availity) and on the Blue Cross website will be updated mid-June.

Providers will begin the prior authorization process in Availity and will be routed to Prime/MRx via a single sign on. Beginning July 25, providers will have access to enter prior authorization requests for dates of service August 1 and beyond. Blue Cross will transfer prior authorizations previously approved by Blue Cross and/or eviCore Healthcare (eviCore) to Prime/MRx. A new authorization will not be necessary.

Effective for dates of service beginning August 1, 2024, medical oncology drugs will no longer be managed by eviCore. Review the medical specialty drug list to determine which medical oncology drugs will require authorizations on or after August 1.

Prime/MRx will be hosting web-based training sessions in July of 2024. Training will include a demonstration of the Prime/MRx provider portal and how to navigate as well as Prime/MRx's process on how reviews and appeals are managed. A recorded online seminar and FAQ will be added to Availity essentials to view at your convenience. Please watch the provider resources page [bluecrossmn.com/providers](https://bluecrossmn.com/providers) for updates and any additional information will be published via a Provider Quick Point.

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