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Request for Waiver

Plan Year: 2019

Please ensure that information contained on this waiver request coincides with information provided on the geographical access maps and provider list submitted with this application.

1. Name and Title of Person Submitting this Document:

Carrier	Name Network	Network ID
Blue Plus	Blue Plus Northeast MN Network	MNN006
Name	Title	Date
Bridget Schenten	Network Innovations Consultant	9/12/2018

2. By submitting this form, the above-referenced confirms:

- A. That person submitting this request has personal knowledge of the network contracting process involved in this submission, and
- B. That access cannot be met for the following provider type(s). Include the county and reason(s) for not meeting the requirements.

Provider Type	County	Reason Code	Notes
Allergy, Immunology and Rheumatology	Aitkin, Itasca, Lake, St. Louis	4	This network is an ACO and has a contract with a set of providers, which prevents Blue Cross from adding competing providers. A waiver is requested due to a competing specialty provider found in the area. Members can access the in-network specialists in Koochiching or Lake counties.
Cardiac Surgery	Itasca, Pine, Koochiching	4	This network is an ACO and has a contract with a set of providers, which prevents Blue Cross from adding competing providers. A waiver is requested due to a competing specialty provider found in the area. Members can access in-network specialists in Lake County due to limited number of Cardiac Surgeons in rural State of Minnesota.
Cardiac Surgery	Cook, Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis, Aitkin, Itasca	1	Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between June 1-4 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Allina Health, Altru Health System, Avera Health, CentraCare Health, Essentia Health, Fairview Health Services, Mayo Clinic Health System, Sanford Health and St. Luke's Healthcare System who have a presence in or near the listed counties, as well as independent providers serving these counties, no cardiac surgeons are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.
Cardiovascular Disease	Cook, Koochiching, Lak, St. Louis	4	This network is an ACO and has a contract with a set of providers, which prevents Blue Cross from adding competing providers. A waiver is requested due to a competing specialty provider found in the area. In-network care can be accessed from adjacent county providers. Members can access the in-network specialists in either Lake, St Louis or Itasca counties.

Cardiovascular Disease	Cook	1	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between June 1-4 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital and St. Luke's Healthcare System, no cardiologists are available to cover 100% of Cook County. As a result, a waiver is requested.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>
Colon and Rectal Surgery	Cook,Itasca,Koochiching,St. Louis	1	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between June 1-4 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Altru Health System, Avera Health, Essentia Health, Sanford Health and St. Luke's Healthcare System who have a presence in or near the listed counties, as well as independent providers serving these counties, no colorectal surgeons are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>
Colon and Rectal Surgery	Cook,Itasca,Koochiching,Lake, St. Louis,Aitkin	4	<p>This network is an ACO and has a contract with a set of providers which, prevents Blue Cross from adding competing providers. A waiver is requested due to a competing specialty provider found in the area. Members have in-network access to care in Carlton or Pine counties due to the limited number of Colon & Rectal Specialists in the State of Minnesota.</p>
Dermatology	Cook,Koochiching,Lake,St. Louis	1	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between June 1-4 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Big Fork Valley Hospital, Essentia Health, Sanford Health, Avera Health, Tri County Healthcare Clinic and Cook County North Shore Hospital, no dermatologists are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>
Dermatology	Lake,St. Louis	4	<p>This network is an ACO and has a contract with a set of providers, which prevents Blue Cross from adding competing providers. A waiver is requested due to a competing specialty provider found in the area. Members can access the in-network specialists in St Louis county.</p>
Endocrinology	Aitkin,Itasca,Koochiching,Lake ,Pine,St. Louis	4	<p>This network is an ACO and has a contract with a set of providers, which prevents Blue Cross from adding competing providers. A waiver is requested due to a competing specialty provider found in the area. Members can access the in-network specialists in St Louis county.</p>
Endocrinology	Cook,Koochiching,Lake,St. Louis,Itasca	1	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between June 1-4 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Kittson Memorial Healthcare, Rainy Lake Medical Center, Littlefork Medical Center, Lakewood Health System, St. Luke's Health Care System and Cook County North Shore Hospital, no endocrinologists are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>
Gastroenterology	Cook,Itasca,Koochiching,Lake, St. Louis	4	<p>This network is an ACO and has a contract with a set of providers, which prevents Blue Cross from adding competing providers. A waiver is requested due to a competing specialty provider found in the area. Members can access the in-network specialists in St Louis, Lake, Aitkin, and Carlton counties.</p>
Gastroenterology	Cook,Itasca,Koochiching,St. Louis	1	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between June 1-4 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital, Kittson Memorial Healthcare Center, Essentia Health, and Rainy Lake Medical Center, no gastroenterologists are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>

<i>General Surgery</i>	<i>Cook</i>	<i>1</i>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between June 1-4 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital and St. Luke's Healthcare System, no general surgeons are available to cover 100% of Cook County. As a result, a waiver is requested.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>
<i>Genetics</i>	<i>Aitkin,Cook,Itasca,Koochiching,Lake,Pine,St. Louis</i>	<i>1</i>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between June 1-4 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Allina Health, Altru Health System, Avera Health, CentraCare Health, Essentia Health, Fairview Health Services, Mayo Clinic Health System, Sanford Health and St. Luke's Healthcare System who have a presence in or near the listed counties, as well as independent providers serving these counties, no genetics specialists are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>
<i>Genetics</i>	<i>Aitkin,Carlton,Itasca,Lake,Pine,St. Louis</i>	<i>4</i>	<p>This network is an ACO and has a contract with a set of providers, which prevents Blue Cross from adding competing providers. A waiver is requested due to a competing specialty provider found in the area. Members have in-network access to care in the Metro area due to the limited number of Genetics Specialists in the State of Minnesota.</p>
<i>Mental health providers</i>	<i>Cook,Itasca,Koochiching,Lake,St. Louis</i>	<i>1</i>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between June 1-4 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Altru Health System, Essentia, Sanford Health and St. Luke's Health Care System, no mental health specialists are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>
<i>Nephrology</i>	<i>Cook,Lake</i>	<i>1</i>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between June 1-4 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital and St. Luke's Healthcare System, no nephrologists are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>
<i>Nephrology</i>	<i>Itasca,Koochiching,Lake,St. Louis</i>	<i>4</i>	<p>This network is an ACO and has a contract with a set of providers, which prevents Blue Cross from adding competing providers. A waiver is requested due to a competing specialty provider found in the area. Members can access the in-network specialists in Pine county.</p>
<i>Neurology and Neurological Surgery</i>	<i>Cook,Lake</i>	<i>1</i>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between June 1-4 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital and St. Luke's Healthcare System, no neurologists or neurosurgeons are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>
<i>Neurology and Neurological Surgery</i>	<i>Itasca,Koochiching,Lake</i>	<i>4</i>	<p>This network is an ACO and has a contract with a set of providers which prevents Blue Cross from adding competing providers. A waiver is requested due to a competing specialty provider found in the area. Members can access the in-network specialists in St Louis, Lake and Koochiching counties.</p>
<i>Obstetrics and Gynecology</i>	<i>Cook</i>	<i>1</i>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between June 1-4 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital and St. Luke's Healthcare System, no obstetricians/gynecologists are available to cover 100% of Cook County. As a result, a waiver is requested.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>

Obstetrics and Gynecology	Cook, Lake	4	This network is an ACO and has a contract with a set of providers, which prevents Blue Cross from adding competing providers. Lake County does not have any Specialists that meet the Specialists criteria for adequacy with any of our networks. In-network care are accessed from adjacent counties. Members can access the in-network specialists in St Louis county.
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As part of this waiver request for all reason codes, a carrier must demonstrate with specific data that the geographic access standards cannot be met in a particular service area or part of a service area and also state what steps were and will be taken to address the network inadequacy (MN Statutes § 62K.10, subdivision 5).

Reason Codes:

- Carrier has conducted a good faith search for providers and determined that there are no providers physically present in the service area of the type requested in the waiver. MDH will not grant a waiver for this reason code unless the carrier demonstrates, with specific information, that there are no providers physically present in the part(s) of the service area for which the waiver is sought. Specific information may include provider directories and sources consulted, physical geography that affects the location of providers, or other information that affects the availability and location of providers. Telemedicine may be used as a means to provide access when there are no providers physically present to meet the standard. The carrier should describe how it will assess the availability of providers who begin practice in the service area where the standard cannot currently be met.
- Provider does not meet carrier's credentialing requirements. Carrier must cite the reason(s) provider does not meet carrier's credentialing requirements.
- Carrier has made a good faith effort to contract with provider and offered a contract at the same/similar rate as other providers of the same provider type in the network, and provider has refused to accept a contract. A carrier representative must attest, below, that a contract was offered at same/similar rates and provider refused to contract. *BMS* *BMS*
- Other: Please describe why geographic access standards cannot be met. Please also describe how access will be provided for this provider type for the residents of the affected county or counties.

Attestation for the Request for Waiver

The undersigned attests that he/she is a representative of the carrier with personal knowledge of the network and reasons for the above waiver requests, and that the waiver requests meet the requirements for the waiver, as outlined above. The undersigned also attests that good faith efforts have been made to locate and contract with providers, as outlined above, and that if providers become available in the service area, carrier will make a good faith effort to contract with said providers at same or similar rates as other providers of the same type in carrier's network. *BMS*

Bridget Schenten, Blue Cross Blue Shield MN, Network Innovation Consultant

September 12, 2018

Name, Company, Title

Date Attestation Signed

Provider Type	County	Reason Code	Notes
Oncology	Cook	1	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between June 1-4 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital, Kilton Memorial Healthcare Center, Essentia Health, Rainy Lake Medical Center, Fairview Health, no oncologists are available to cover 100% of Cook County. As a result, a waiver is requested.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>
Oncology	Koochiching, St. Louis	4	<p>This network is an ACO and has a contract with a set of providers, which prevents Blue Cross from adding competing providers. A waiver is requested due to a competing specialty provider found in the area. Members can access the in-network specialists in St Louis and Itasca counties.</p>
Ophthalmology	Cook	1	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between June 1-4 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital and St. Luke's Healthcare System, no ophthalmologists are available to cover 100% of Cook County. As a result, a waiver is requested.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>
Ophthalmology	Coo, Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis	4	<p>This network is an ACO and has a contract with a set of providers, which prevents Blue Cross from adding competing providers. A waiver is requested due to a competing specialty provider found in the area. Members can access the in-network specialists in Lake or St Louis counties.</p>
Orthopedic Surgery	Cook	1	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between June 1-4 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital and St. Luke's Healthcare System, no orthopedic surgeons are available to cover 100% of Cook County. As a result, a waiver is requested.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>
Otolaryngology	Cook	1	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between June 1-4 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital and St. Luke's Healthcare System, no otolaryngologists are available to cover 100% of Cook County. As a result, a waiver is requested.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>
Otolaryngology	Cook, Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis	4	<p>This network is an ACO and has a contract with a set of providers, which prevents Blue Cross from adding competing providers. Lake County does not have any Specialists that meet the Specialists criteria for adequacy with any of our networks. In-network care is accessed from adjacent counties. Members can access the in-network specialists in St Louis and Carlton counties.</p>
Pediatric Services Providers	Aitkin, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis	1	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between June 1-4 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Allina Health, Altru Health System, Essentia Health, Sanford Health and St. Luke's Healthcare System, no pediatricians are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>
Pediatric Services Providers	Lake, Pine, St. Louis	4	<p>This network is an ACO and has a contract with a set of providers, which prevents Blue Cross from adding competing providers. A waiver is requested due to a competing provider found in the area. Members can access in-network care in St. Louis, Itasca, Carlton and Aitkin counties.</p>
Pediatric Specialty Providers	Koochiching, St. Louis	1	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between June 1-4 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital, St. Luke's Healthcare System and Essentia Health, no pediatric specialists are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>

<i>Pediatric Specialty Providers</i>	<i>Koochiching,Lake</i>	<i>4</i>	This network is an ACO and has a contract with a set of providers, which prevents Blue Cross from adding competing providers. A waiver is requested due to a competing specialty provider found in the area. This county does have in-network providers for members to access in-network care. Members can access in-network care in St. Louis county.
<i>Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Occupational Medicine</i>	<i>Koochiching,St. Louis</i>	<i>4</i>	This network is an ACO and has a contract with a set of providers, which prevents Blue Cross from adding competing providers. A waiver is requested due to a competing specialty provider found in the area. Members can access in-network specialists in St Louis and Itasca counties.
<i>Primary Care providers</i>	<i>Cook,Lake,St. Louis</i>	<i>1</i>	Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between June 1-4 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital, Kittson Memorial Healthcare Center, Essentia Health, St. Luke's Healthcare System, Rainy Lake Medical Center and Fairview Health, no primary care practitioners are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.
<i>Pulmonary Disease</i>	<i>Cook</i>	<i>1</i>	Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between June 1-4 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Altru Health System, Lifecare Medical Center and Avera Health, no pulmonologists are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.
<i>Pulmonary Disease</i>	<i>Cook,Itasca,Koochiching,Lake, St. Louis</i>	<i>4</i>	This network is an ACO and has a contract with a set of providers, which prevents Blue Cross from adding competing providers. A waiver is requested due to a competing specialty provider found in the area. Members can access in-network specialists in St Louis or Lake county.
<i>Radiology and Nuclear Medicine</i>	<i>Koochiching,St. Louis</i>	<i>1</i>	Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between June 1-4 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Rainy Lake Medical Center, Essentia Health, Fairview Health and St. Luke's Healthcare System, no radiologists are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.
<i>Reconstructive Surgery</i>	<i>Aitkin</i>	<i>4</i>	This network is and ACO and has a contract with a set of providers, which prevents Blue Cross from adding competing providers. A waiver is requested due to a competing specialty provider found in the area. Members can access the in-network specialists in Itasca and Carlton counties.
<i>Reconstructive Surgery</i>	<i>Cook,Koochiching,Lake,St. Louis</i>	<i>1</i>	Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between June 1-4 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital, Kittson Memorial Healthcare Center, Essentia Health, Rainy Lake Medical Center and Fairview Health, no plastic/reconstructive surgeons are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.
<i>Thoracic Surgery</i>	<i>Aitkin,Cook,Itasca,Koochiching ,Lake,St. Louis</i>	<i>1</i>	Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between June 1-4 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Allina Health, Altru Health System, Avera Health, CentraCare Health, Essentia Health, Fairview Health Services, Mayo Clinic Health System, Sanford Health and St. Luke's Healthcare System who have a presence in or near the listed counties, as well as independent providers serving these counties, no thoracic surgeons are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested. On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.
<i>Thoracic Surgery</i>	<i>Aitkin,Itasca,Koochiching,Plne</i>	<i>4</i>	This network is and ACO and has a contract with a set of providers, which prevents Blue Cross from adding competing providers. A waiver is requested due to a competing specialty provider found in the area. Members have in-network access to care in Duluth due to the limited number of Thoracic Surgery specialists in the State of Minnesota.

<i>Urology</i>	<i>Cook</i>	<i>1</i>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between June 1-4 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Lifecare Medical Center, Altru Health System, Kittson Memorial Healthcare Center, Lakewood Health Center Hospital Clinic and Cook County North Shore Hospital, no urologists are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>
<i>Urology</i>	<i>Cook, Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis</i>	<i>4</i>	<p>This network is an ACO and has a contract with a set of providers, which prevents Blue Cross from adding competing providers. A waiver is requested due to a competing specialty provider found in the area. Members can access the in-network specialists in St Louis, Itasca, and Lake counties.</p>
<i>Vascular Surgery</i>	<i>Aitkin, Itasca, Pine</i>	<i>4</i>	<p>This network is an ACO and has a contract with a set of providers, which prevents Blue Cross from adding competing providers. A waiver is requested due to a competing specialty provider found in the area. Members can access in-network specialists in either St Louis or Lake counties.</p>
<i>Vascular Surgery</i>	<i>Cook, Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis</i>	<i>1</i>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between June 1-4 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital, Kittson Memorial Healthcare Center, Essentia Health, Rainy Lake Medical Center, Lifecare Medical Center and Altru Health System, no vascular surgeons are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>
<i>Mental health providers</i>	<i>Lake, St. Louis</i>	<i>4</i>	<p>This network is an ACO and has a contract with a set of providers, which prevents Blue Cross from adding competing providers. A waiver is requested due to a competing specialty provider found in the area. Members can access in-network specialists further away in either St Louis or Lake counties.</p>
<i>Pediatric Dental Care</i>	<i>Cook</i>	<i>1</i>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between July 20-27 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital, Kittson Memorial Healthcare Center, Essentia Health, Rainy Lake Medical Center, Lifecare Medical Center and Altru Health System, no pediatric dentists are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>
<i>Pediatric Dental Care</i>	<i>Cook, Lake, Koochiching</i>	<i>4</i>	<p>This network is an ACO and has a contract with a set of providers, which prevents Blue Cross from adding competing providers. A waiver is requested due to a competing specialty provider found in the area. Cook County does have a specialist accessible in this county. Members have in-network access to care in Cook and St. Louis counties.</p>
<i>General Hospital facilities</i>	<i>Aitkin, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis</i>	<i>1</i>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between July 20-27 of 2018) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital, Kittson Memorial Healthcare Center, Essentia Health, Rainy Lake Medical Center, Lifecare Medical Center and Altru Health System, no General Hospitals are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties.</p> <p>On at most a bi-annual basis we will continue to assess network adequacy as new providers become available. Market providers will be approached in the summer of 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>
<i>General Hospital facilities</i>	<i>St. Louis</i>	<i>4</i>	<p>This network is an ACO and has a contract with a set of providers, which prevents Blue Cross from adding competing providers. A waiver is requested due to a competing specialty provider found in the area. St. Louis County does have a facility accessible in this county. Members have in-network access to care in St. Louis, Carlton and Itasca counties.</p>
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