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Request for Waiver

Plan Year: 2020

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	Reason Code 4: Network Structure*
Blue Plus	Blue Plus Metro MN Network	MNN005	ACO
Name	Title	Date	Reason Code 4: Enrollees in Network*
Eric Hoag	Vice President, Provider Relations	5/24/2019	14762

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	Affected Enrollees*	Percent Not Covered*
Cardiac Surgery	Brown, Kanabec	4	Blue Plus Metro MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of MN Metro Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Metro MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Metro MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Metro MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.		
Genetics	Brown, Kanabec, Nicollet, Sibley	4	Blue Plus Metro MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of MN Metro Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Metro MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Metro MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Metro MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.		
Pediatric Services Providers	Kanabec	4	Blue Plus Metro MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of MN Metro Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Metro MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Metro MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Metro MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.	146	40

Thoracic Surgery	Brown, Kanabec	4	Blue Plus Metro MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of MN Metro Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Metro MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Metro MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Metro MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.		
SUD (Chemical Dependency) - Inpatient	Kanabec	4	Blue Plus Metro MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of MN Metro Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Metro MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Metro MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Metro MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.		
Vascular Surgery	Brown	4	Blue Plus Metro MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of MN Metro Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Metro MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Metro MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Metro MN providers partner to coordinate the care of ACO members to ensure an exceptional member experience, reduce the duplication of services and reduce the cost of care.		
Genetics	Kanabec	1	Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Allina Health, Allru Health System, CentraCare Health, Fairview Health Services, Mayo Clinic Health System, 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. Members can access genetics care at Children's Hospitals and Clinics in Ramsey, Hennepin and Washington County, Minnesota Perinatal Physicians in Ramsey, Hennepin, and Washington County, and Gillette Children's Professional Services in Ramsey County. 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 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.		
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Please use additional sheet if needed

***Only for Reason Code 4, Network Structure, Enrollees in Network, Affected Enrollees, and Percent Not Covered only needed if reason code is 4 and provider type is Primary Care, Pediatric Services Providers [Primary Care], General Hospital and Mental Health.**

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:

1. 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. State what steps will be taken to address the network inadequacy.
2. Provider does not meet carrier's credentialing requirements. Carrier must cite the reason(s) provider does not meet carrier's credentialing requirements. State what steps were and will be taken to address the network inadequacy.
3. Carrier has made a good faith effort to contract with provider and provider has refused to accept a contract. State what steps were and will be taken to address the network inadequacy.
4. For all Reason Code 4, you must state the following information:
 - a. Specify the network structure: ACO or Narrow Network. (In Section 1 above.)
 - b. State the total number of estimated enrollees in the network as of the submission date of waiver. (In section 1 above.)
 - c. State why the geographic access standards cannot be met. Explain why full geographic access is not possible with this network design.
 - d. State how access will be provided for this provider type for the enrollees of the affected county.

Additionally, for Reason Code 4, only for Primary Care, Pediatric Services Providers [Primary Care], General Hospital and Mental Health provider types, you must select only one county per line. See the Provider Network Adequacy Instruction for further direction. If the carrier would like to request a waiver for an additional county for the same provider type, they will need to add an additional line to allow for the specific additional information to be provided. For these same 4 provider types, the carrier must also complete the following fields:

- e. State the total number of estimated enrollees affected in the county not meeting the geographic standard as of the submission date of waiver.
- f. State the estimated percentage of area in that county that is not covered.

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.

Eric Hoag, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, Vice President, Provider Relations
 Name, Company, Title

May 24, 2019
 Date Attestation Signed

