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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*    |
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| Blue Plus | Minnesota Value Network            | MNN012     | <select one>                         |
| Name      | Title                              | Date       | Reason Code 4: Enrollees in Network* |
| Eric Hoag | Vice President, Provider Relations | 5/24/2019  |                                      |

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* |
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| General Hospital facilities | Lake of the Woods, Roseau | 3           | A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.  |                     |                      |
| General Hospital facilities | Lake of the Woods         | 1           | Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital, Rainy Lake Medical Center, Lifecare Medical Center and Altru Health System, no General Hospitals are available to cover 100% of these areas. Members can access hospital care at St. Lukes Healthcare in St. Louis County, Sanford Health in Pennington and Beltrami counties, Red Lake Hospital in Beltrami County and Riverwood Healthcare Center in Aitkin County. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties.<br><br>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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| <p><i>Primary Care providers</i></p>       | <p><i>Lake of the Woods</i></p>                               | <p>1</p> | <p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital, 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. Members can access primary care at Sanford Health in Beltrami, Koochiching and Mahnomen counties, Sawtooth Mountain Clinic in Cook County and St. Luke's Healthcare and Mesaba Clinic in St. Louis County. 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 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p> |  |  |
| <p><i>Mental health providers</i></p>      | <p><i>Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Roseau</i></p>              | <p>1</p> | <p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Kittson Memorial Healthcare, Altru Health, North Valley Health Center, and Sanford Health, no Mental Health professionals are available to cover 100% of these areas. Members can access mental health care at Mesaba Clinic and St. Luke's Healthcare in St. Louis County, Sanford Health in Beltrami County and Lakeview Behavioral Health in Koochiching County. 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 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>   |  |  |
| <p><i>Pediatric Services Providers</i></p> | <p><i>Brown, Crow Wing, Lake of the Woods, Mille Lacs</i></p> | <p>3</p> | <p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p> <p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Mayo Clinic Health to include the needed facilities for this network and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our proposal was declined by the provider on June 13, 2018. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p>   |  |  |

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| <p><i>Pediatric Services Providers</i></p>         | <p><i>Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mille Lacs, Roseau</i></p> | <p>1</p> | <p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Lifecare Medical Center, Altru Health System, Kittson Memorial Healthcare Center, Cook County North Shore Hospital, Lakewood Health Center, and Sanford Health, no pediatric services providers are available to cover 100% of these areas. Members can access pediatric care at Sanford in Beltrami and Douglas counties, St. Luke's Healthcare and Mesaba Clinic in St. Louis County, Lifecare Medical Center in Roseau County, Swift County Benson Hospital and Clinic in Swift County and Dawson Clinic in Lac Qui Parle County. 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 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p> |  |  |
| <p><i>Allergy, Immunology and Rheumatology</i></p> | <p><i>Lake of the Woods</i></p>                              | <p>3</p> | <p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p>   |  |  |
| <p><i>Allergy, Immunology and Rheumatology</i></p> | <p><i>Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Roseau</i></p>             | <p>1</p> | <p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Lifecare Medical Center, Altru Health System, Kittson Memorial Healthcare Center, and Lakewood Health Center Hospital Clinic, no allergists, immunologists or rheumatologists are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. Members can access allergy, immunology and rheumatology care at Sanford Health in Beltrami County, and St. Luke's Healthcare in St. Louis County.</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 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>  |  |  |
| <p><i>Cardiac Surgery</i></p>                      | <p><i>Crow Wing, Todd</i></p>                                | <p>3</p> | <p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p>   |  |  |



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| <p><i>Cardiac Surgery</i></p>          | <p><i>Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Roseau</i></p> | <p>1</p> | <p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Altru Health System, Avera Health, Fairview Health Services, 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. Members can access cardiac surgery care at St. Lukes Vascular Surgery and Hibbing Family Medical Center in St. Louis County, and Sanford Health in Beltrami County.</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 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p> |  |  |
| <p><i>Colon and Rectal Surgery</i></p> | <p><i>Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd</i></p>          | <p>3</p> | <p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p>  |  |  |
| <p><i>Colon and Rectal Surgery</i></p> | <p><i>Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Roseau</i></p> | <p>1</p> | <p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Altru Health System, Sanford Health, Mayo Clinic 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. Members can access colon and rectal surgery care at St. Luke's Surgical Associates in St. Louis County, Sanford Health in Fargo ND, Sioux Fall, SD, Bemidji MN.</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 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>   |  |  |

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| <i>Endocrinology</i>    | <i>Lake of the Woods</i>          | 3 | A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.  |  |  |
| <i>Endocrinology</i>    | <i>Lake of the Woods, Kittson</i> | 1 | <p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) 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. Members can access endocrinology care at Sanford Health and Red Lake Hospital and Clinic in Beltrami County, St. Luke's Healthcare in St. Louis County.</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 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p> |  |  |
| <i>Gastroenterology</i> | <i>Lake of the Woods</i>          | 3 | A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.  |  |  |

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| <p><i>Gastroenterology</i></p> | <p><i>Lake of the Woods, Roseau</i></p>                                    | <p>1</p> | <p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital, Kittson Memorial Healthcare Center, 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. Members can access gastroenterology care at St. Luke's Gastroenterology Associates in St. Louis County, Sanford Health in Beltrami and Pennington counties, Lakeview Memorial Hospital in Lake County.</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 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>  |  |  |
| <p><i>Genetics</i></p>         | <p><i>Brown, Mcleod, Sibley</i></p>  | <p>3</p> | <p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Mayo Clinic to include the needed facilities for this network and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our proposal was declined by the provider on June 13, 2018. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p>  |  |  |
| <p><i>Genetics</i></p>         | <p><i>Crow Wing, Kanabec, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Roseau, Todd</i></p> | <p>1</p> | <p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Allina Health, Altru Health System, Avera Health, CentraCare 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. Members can access genetics care at Sanford Health in Sioux Falls, SD and Fargo, ND as well as CentraCare in Stearns County MN and Univ of MN Physicians in Hennepin County.</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 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p> |  |  |

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| <p><i>Obstetrics and Gynecology</i></p> | <p><i>Kittson</i></p>           | <p>1</p> | <p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital, St. Luke's Healthcare System and Altru Health, no obstetricians/gynecologists are available to cover 100% of Cook County. As a result, a waiver is requested. Members can access OB/Gyn care at Sanford Health in Beltrami, Pennington and Polk Counties, St. Lukes Obstetrics and Gynecology Associates and Mesaba Clinic in St. Louis County.</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 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p> |  |  |
| <p><i>Ophthalmology</i></p>             | <p><i>Kittson</i></p>           | <p>1</p> | <p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital, Kittson Memorial Healthcare Center and St. Luke's Healthcare System, no ophthalmologists are available to cover 100% of Cook County. As a result, a waiver is requested. Members can access Ophthalmology care at Essentia Health, St. Luke's Ophthalmology Associates, Sundell Eye Associates, Vitreorectal Surgery PA in St. Louis County.</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 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>    |  |  |
| <p><i>Otolaryngology</i></p>            | <p><i>Lake of the Woods</i></p> | <p>1</p> | <p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) 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. Members can access otolaryngology care at Sanford Health in Beltrami and Pennington counties, Altru Clinic in Roseau and Red Lake Hospital and Clinic in Beltrami County.</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 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>                                 |  |  |



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| <p>sical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Occupational Med</p> | <p>Lake of the Woods</p>                  | <p>3</p> | <p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p>   |  |  |
| <p>sical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Occupational Med</p> | <p>Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Roseau</p> | <p>1</p> | <p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital, Kittson Memorial Healthcare Center, Rainy Lake Medical Center, Lifecare Medical Center and Altru Health System, no physical medicine and rehabilitation and occupational medicine providers are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. Members can access physical medicine and rehabilitation and occupational medicine care at St. Luke's Physical Medicine and Rehab Associates in St. Louis County, Lakeview Memorial Hospital in Lake County and Sanford Health in Beltrami and Pennington 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 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p> |  |  |

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



| Provider Type                                | County  | Reason Code | Notes   | Affected Enrollees* | Percent Not Covered* |
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| <i>Reconstructive Surgery</i>                | <i>Brown, Lake of the Woods, Roseau</i>                           | <i>3</i>    | <p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p> <p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Mayo Clinic Health to include the needed facilities for this network and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our proposal was declined by the provider on June 13, 2018. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p>  |                     |                      |
| <i>Reconstructive Surgery</i>                | <i>Lake of the Woods, Roseau</i>                                  | <i>1</i>    | <p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital, Kittson Memorial Healthcare Center, 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. Members can access reconstructive surgery care at Riverview Clinic Thief River Falls and Sanford Health in Pennington County.</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 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>  |                     |                      |
| <i>SUD (Chemical Dependency) - Inpatient</i> | <i>Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Roseau</i>                         | <i>1</i>    | <p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Kittson Memorial Healthcare Center, Altru Health and North Valley Health Center, no Substance Use Disorder inpatient providers are available to cover 100% of Kittson County. Members can access substance use disorder inpatient services in neighboring counties such as Northland Recovery Center in Koochiching and Itasca counties, Restore House in Beltrami County.</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 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps. As a result, a waiver is requested.</p>   |                     |                      |
| <i>Thoracic Surgery</i>                      | <i>Brown, Crow Wing, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Roseau, Todd</i> | <i>3</i>    | <p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p> <p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Mayo Clinic Health to include the needed facilities for this network and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our proposal was declined by the provider on June 13, 2018. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p>  |                     |                      |
| <i>Thoracic Surgery</i>                      | <i>Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Roseau</i>                         | <i>1</i>    | <p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Allina Health, Altru Health System, CentraCare 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 for the listed counties. Members can access thoracic surgery care at Fairview Clinics in Mille Lacs County and Sanford Health in Beltrami County and Fargo ND, and Altru Clinics in Grand Forks ND.</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 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p> |                     |                      |



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| <i>Urology</i>                       | <i>Lake of the Woods</i>                  | <i>3</i>                  | A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.   |  |  |
| <i>Urology</i>                       | <i>Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Roseau</i> | <i>1</i>                  | Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) 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. Members can access Urology care at St. Luke's Urology Associates and Mesaba Clinic in St. Louis County, Sanford Health in Beltrami County, Lakeview Memorial Hospital in Lake County.<br><br>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. |  |  |
| <i>Vascular Surgery</i>              | <i>Crow Wing</i>                          | <i>3</i>                  | A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Mayo Clinic to include the needed facilities for this network and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our proposal was declined by the provider on June 13, 2018. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.   |  |  |
| <i>Vascular Surgery</i>              | <i>Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Roseau</i> | <i>1</i>                  | Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Cook County North Shore Hospital, Kittson Memorial Healthcare Center, 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. Members can access vascular surgery care at St. Luke's Vascular Surgery Associates in St. Louis County, and Sanford Health in Beltrami County.<br><br>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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