Medical Drug Update for Rituximab Biosimilars (Truxima, Ruxience) - Commercial Products

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) is clarifying prior authorization (PA) requirements for rituximab. Blue Cross does not require PA of rituximab biosimilars (Truxima, Ruxience) for non-oncologic indications for commercial lines of business.

Existing prior authorization requirements for commercial lines of business*:

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*The changes do not impact the Federal Employee Program (FEP) health plans which has its own requirements.

Reminder Regarding Medical Policy Updates & Changes:
Medical Policy changes are communicated in the Upcoming Medical Policy Notifications section of the Blue Cross Medical and Behavioral Health Policy website. The Upcoming Policies section lists new, revised, or inactivated policies approved by the Blue Cross Medical and Behavioral Health Policy Committee and are effective at minimum 45 days from the date they were posted. To access the website:

• Go to providers.bluecrossmn.com
• Under Tools & Resources, select “Medical Policy”, and read/accept the Blue Cross Medical Policy Statement
• Select the “+” (plus) sign next to “Medical and Behavioral Health Policies” to see the Upcoming Medical Policy Notifications section

**Coding requirements reminder
All coding and reimbursements are subject to changes, updates, or other requirements of coding rules and guidelines. All codes are subject to federal HIPAA rules, and in the case of medical code sets (e.g. HCPCS, CPT, ICD), only valid codes for the date of service may be submitted or accepted.

Questions?
If you have questions, please contact provider services at (651) 662-5200 or 1-800-262-0820.

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