

You have privacy rights

Our privacy rules protect your personal health information. We obey federal and state laws that protect your information, whether on paper, the Internet, by phone or orally. In most cases, we need your approval before we can share your personal medical information. This includes health records, claims data and anything else that identifies you.

You have the right to choose “yes” or “no” when we ask to share your information. If you approve our request, we will describe what we will share. We will tell you how it will be used and how long your consent lasts.

By law, there are cases when we do not need your approval before we share personal information. For example, we can share data with:

- Blue Plus employees or contractors who handle applications and claims.
- Providers – if they need to confirm your benefits or if we need to review their work. (We have strict privacy rules with all providers.)
- Health researchers or people doing health plan studies. When we take part in research studies that use your information, we write to you to explain the study. Then you can choose if you want to share information. Please note: Researchers can only see data that does not identify you.

If you can't sign the form to approve sharing your information, Blue Plus will ask your legally-authorized representative (parent, guardian or conservator who holds your power of attorney) to sign. Proof of identity is required.

If you think your privacy rights were violated, or you disagree with a decision regarding your personal health information, you can:

1. Call the member services number on the back of your member ID card.
2. Write to the Blue Plus address on the back of your member ID card.
3. Write to the Minnesota Department of Health:
Minnesota Department of Health Managed Care Systems
85 East Seventh Place, Suite 400
P.O. Box 64882
St. Paul, MN 55164-0882

To learn more about our privacy procedures, go to bluecrossmn.com (click on “privacy and legal” at the bottom) or call member services.

SecureBlueSM (HMO SNP) is a health plan that contracts with both Medicare and the Minnesota Medical Assistance (Medicaid) program to provide benefits of both programs to enrollees. Enrollment in SecureBlue depends on contract renewal.

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請注意，如果您需要免費協助傳譯這份文件，請撥打上面的電話號碼。

Attention. Si vous avez besoin d'une aide gratuite pour interpréter le présent document, veuillez appeler au numéro ci-dessus.

Thov ua twb zoo nyeem. Yog hais tias koj xav tau kev pab txhais lus rau tsab ntaub ntawv no pub dawb, ces hu rau tus najnpawb xov tooj saum toj no.

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알려드립니다. 이 문서에 대한 이해를 돕기 위해 무료로 제공되는 도움을 받으시려면 위의 전화번호로 연락하십시오.

ໂປຣດຊາບ. ຖ້າທາກ ທ່ານຕ້ອງການການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອໃນການແປເອກະສານນີ້ພຣີ, ຈົ່ງໂທໄປທີ່ໝາຍເລກຂ້າງເທິງນີ້.

Hubachiisa. Dokumentiin kun tola akka siif hiikamu gargaarsa hoo feete, lakkoobsa gubbatti kenname bilbili.

Внимание: если вам нужна бесплатная помощь в устном переводе данного документа, позвоните по указанному выше телефону.

Digniin. Haddii aad u baahantahay caawimaad lacag-la'aan ah ee tarjumaadda (afcelinta) qoraalkan, lambarka kore wac.

Atención. Si desea recibir asistencia gratuita para interpretar este documento, llame al número indicado arriba.

Chú ý. Nếu quý vị cần được giúp đỡ dịch tài liệu này miễn phí, xin gọi số bên trên.

Civil Rights Notice

Discrimination is against the law. Blue Plus does not discriminate on the basis of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- creed
- religion
- sexual orientation
- public assistance status
- age
- disability (including physical or mental impairment)
- sex (including sex stereotypes and gender identity)
- marital status
- political beliefs
- medical condition
- health status
- receipt of health care services
- claims experience
- medical history
- genetic information

You have the right to file a discrimination complaint if you believe you were treated in a discriminatory way by Blue Plus. You can file a complaint and ask for help filing a complaint in person or by mail, phone, fax, or email at:

Nondiscrimination Civil Rights Coordinator
 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus
 M495
 PO Box 64560
 Eagan, MN 55164-0560
 Toll Free: 1-800-509-5312
 TTY: 711
 Fax: 651-662-9478
 Email: Civil.Rights.Coord@bluecrossmn.com

Auxiliary Aids and Services: Blue Plus provides auxiliary aids and services, like qualified interpreters or information in accessible formats, free of charge and in a timely manner to ensure an equal opportunity to participate in our health care programs. **Contact** Blue Plus at Civil.Rights.Coord@bluecrossmn.com, or call SecureBlue Member Services at 1-888-740-6013 (TTY: 711), or your preferred relay services. The call is free.

Language Assistance Services: Blue Plus provides translated documents and spoken language interpreting, free of charge and in a timely manner, when language assistance services are necessary to ensure limited English speakers have meaningful access to our information and services. **Contact** Blue Plus at Civil.Rights.Coord@bluecrossmn.com, or call SecureBlue Member Services at 1-888-740-6013 (TTY: 711), or your preferred relay services. The call is free.

Civil Rights Complaints

You have the right to file a discrimination complaint if you believe you were treated in a discriminatory way by Blue Plus. You may also contact any of the following agencies directly to file a discrimination complaint.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (OCR)

You have the right to file a complaint with the OCR, a federal agency, if you believe you have been discriminated against because of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- age
- disability
- sex
- religion (in some cases)

Contact the **OCR** directly to file a complaint:

Office for Civil Rights
 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
 Midwest Region
 233 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 240
 Chicago, IL 60601
 Customer Response Center: Toll-free: 800-368-1019
 TDD Toll-free: 800-537-7697
 Email: ocrmail@hhs.gov

Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR)

In Minnesota, you have the right to file a complaint with the MDHR if you have been discriminated against because of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- religion
- creed
- sex
- sexual orientation
- marital status
- public assistance status
- disability

Contact the **MDHR** directly to file a complaint:

Minnesota Department of Human Rights
 540 Fairview Avenue North, Suite 201
 St. Paul, MN 55104
 651-539-1100 (voice)
 800-657-3704 (toll-free)
 711 or 800-627-3529 (MN Relay)
 651-296-9042 (fax)
Info.MDHR@state.mn.us (email)

Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS)

You have the right to file a complaint with DHS if you believe you have been discriminated against in our health care programs because of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- religion (in some cases)
- age
- disability (including physical or mental impairment)
- sex (including sex stereotypes and gender identity)

Complaints must be in writing and filed within 180 days of the date you discovered the alleged discrimination. The complaint must contain your name and address and describe the discrimination you are complaining about. We will review it and notify you in writing about whether we have authority to investigate. If we do, we will investigate the complaint.

DHS will notify you in writing of the investigation's outcome. You have the right to appeal if you disagree with the decision. To appeal, you must send a written request to have DHS review the investigation outcome. Be brief and state why you disagree with the decision. Include additional information you think is important.

If you file a complaint in this way, the people who work for the agency named in the complaint cannot retaliate against you. This means they cannot punish you in any way for filing a complaint. Filing a complaint in this way does not stop you from seeking out other legal or administrative actions.

Contact **DHS** directly to file a discrimination complaint:

Civil Rights Coordinator

Minnesota Department of Human Services

Equal Opportunity and Access Division

P.O. Box 64997

St. Paul, MN 55164-0997

651-431-3040 (voice) or use your preferred relay service

American Indians can continue or begin to use tribal and Indian Health Services (IHS) clinics. We will not require prior approval or impose any conditions for you to get services at these clinics. For elders age 65 years and older this includes Elderly Waiver (EW) services accessed through the tribe. If a doctor or other provider in a tribal or IHS clinic refers you to a provider in our network, we will not require you to see your primary care provider prior to the referral.