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Request for Waiver

Plan Year: 2018

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 Minnesota Network	MNN006
Name	Title	Date
Patricia Coates	Network Innovation Consultant	10/2/2017

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
General Hospital facilities	Lake, Cook, St. Louis, Koochiching, Aitkin, Itasca	1	
General Hospital facilities	St. Louis	4	This network has an exclusive contract with a set of providers which prevents Blue Cross from adding competing providers. A waiver is requested due to a competing facility provider found in the area. This county has in-network facilities for members to access care. In the event of a medical emergency, additional in-network coverage may be available, subject to the terms of the member's benefits.
Primary Care providers	, Lake, Cook, St. Louis	1	
Mental health providers	, Lake, Cook, Koochiching, Itasca, St. Louis	1	
Pediatric Services Providers	, Lake, Cook, St. Louis, Koochiching, Itasca, Aitkin, Pine	1	
Pediatric Services Providers	Lake, St. Louis, Pine	4	This network has an exclusive 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. There are physicians available in each county for the member to seek in-network care.
Pediatric Specialty Providers	, Lake, Cook, St. Louis, Aitkin, Koochiching, Itasca, Pine	1	

Pediatric Specialty Providers	,Aitkin,Koochiching,Itasca,Pine	4	This network has an exclusive 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. Otherwise, in-network care can be accessed from adjacent county providers or in the metro area.
Allergy, Immunology and Rheumatology	,Lake,St. Louis,Aitkin,Itasca	4	This network has an exclusive 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 either Beltrami, Koochiching, Lake or St Louis counties.
Cardiac Surgery	,Cook,Koochiching,St. Louis	1	
Cardiac Surgery	,Lake,Cook,Itasca	4	This network has an exclusive 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 either Lake, Beltrami, St Louis or Lake of the Woods counties.
Cardiovascular Disease	Cook	1	
Cardiovascular Disease	Koochiching,St. Louis,Lake,Cook	4	This network has an exclusive 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, Beltrami, St Louis or Itasca counties.
Colon and Rectal Surgery	,Cook,Itasca,Aitkin,Koochiching	1	
Colon and Rectal Surgery	Lake,St. Louis,Cook,Itasca,Koochiching	4	This network has an exclusive 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 St Louis, Carlton or Pine counties due to the limited number of Colon & Rectal Specialists in the State of Minnesota.
Dermatology	,Cook,St. Louis,Koochiching,Lake	1	
Dermatology	,Lake,St. Louis	4	This network has an exclusive 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.
Endocrinology	Cook,Lake,Koochiching,St. Louis	1	
Endocrinology	Lake,Aitkin,Itasca,Pine,St. Louis,Koochiching	4	This network has an exclusive 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 Beltrami counties.
Gastroenterology	Cook,Itasca	1	
Gastroenterology	,Lake,St. Louis,Itasca,Cook	4	This network has an exclusive 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 Beltrami counties.
General Surgery	Cottonwood,Cook	1	
Nephrology	Cook,Lake	1	

Please use additional sheet if needed

Reason Codes:

1. Carrier has conducted a good faith search for providers and there are no providers physically present in the service area.*

Also use this code if an area of the state is not covered due to the topographic nature of the area such as lakes or forest.

2. Provider(s) do not meet carrier's credentialing requirements. Please explain what credentials are not met.
 3. Carrier has made a good faith effort to contract with provider(s) and provider(s) have refused. Please provide information indicating the date in which a contract was offered and the process used in an effort to secure a contract.
 4. 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.
- C. That if new providers listed in (B) becomes available in the service area, carrier will make a good faith effort to contract with said providers.

*In some situations when the geographic access standards for a given provider type cannot be met, access to the specified provider type may be provided via the use of Telehealth, or Telemedicine technologies. When this is applicable for a provider type with regard to limited or no access in a particular county, the carrier should describe how access is being offered via the use of Telehealth technologies.

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<i>Nephrology</i>	<i>,Lake,St Louis,Itasca,Koochiching</i>	<i>4</i>	This network has an inclusive 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, Carlton, Cass and Beltrami counties.
<i>Neurology and Neurological Surgery</i>	<i>Cook,Lake</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Neurology and Neurological Surgery</i>	<i>Lake,Koochiching,Itasca</i>	<i>4</i>	This network has an inclusive 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.
<i>Obstetrics and Gynecology</i>	<i>Cook</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Obstetrics and Gynecology</i>	<i>Lake,Cook</i>	<i>4</i>	This network has an inclusive 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.
<i>Oncology</i>	<i>Cook</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Oncology</i>	<i>St. Louis,Koochiching</i>	<i>4</i>	This network has an inclusive 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.
<i>Ophthalmology</i>	<i>Cook</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Ophthalmology</i>	<i>,Lake,Cook,St. Louis,Koochiching</i>	<i>4</i>	This network has an inclusive 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. All providers located in Lake County are in this network. In-network care is accessed in Lake or St Louis counties.
<i>Orthopedic Surgery</i>	<i>Cook</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Otolaryngology</i>	<i>Cook</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Otolaryngology</i>	<i>,Lake,Cook,St. Louis,Koochiching</i>	<i>4</i>	This network has an inclusive 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 Beltrami counties.
<i>Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Occupational Medicine</i>	<i>Koochiching,St. Louis</i>	<i>4</i>	This network has an inclusive 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>Pulmonary Disease</i>	<i>Cook</i>	<i>1</i>	

<i>Pulmonary Disease</i>	<i>,Lake,Cook,St. Louis,Koochiching,Itasca</i>	<i>4</i>	This network has an inclusive 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>	
<i>Reconstructive Surgery</i>	<i>Cook,Lake,St. Louis</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Reconstructive Surgery</i>	<i>Aitkin,Pine</i>	<i>4</i>	This network has an inclusive 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 Carlton counties.
<i>Urology</i>	<i>,Lake,St. Louis,Koochiching,Cook</i>	<i>4</i>	This network has an inclusive 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.
<i>Urology</i>	<i>Cook</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Vascular Surgery</i>	<i>Cook,Koochiching,St. Louis</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Vascular Surgery</i>	<i>Itasca,Lake,Cook</i>	<i>4</i>	This network has an exclusive 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 in-network specialists in either Lake, St Louis or Lake of the Woods counties.
<i>Genetics</i>	<i>Carlton,Cook,Itasca,Aitkin,Pine,St. Louis,Lake,Koochiching</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Genetics</i>	<i>Lake,St. Louis,Carlton,Pine</i>	<i>4</i>	This network has an inclusive 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.
<i>Chemical Dependency Inpatient</i>	<i>Lake,Cook,St. Louis</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Thoracic Surgery</i>	<i>,Aitkin,Koochiching,Itasca,Pine</i>	<i>4</i>	This network has an inclusive 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 Specialists in the State of Minnesota.
<i>Thoracic Surgery</i>	<i>Cook,Lake,Aitkin,Koochiching,Pine,St. Louis,Itasca</i>	<i>1</i>	