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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 Western MN Network	MNN004	ACO
Name	Title	Date	Reason Code 4: Enrollees in Network*
Eric Hoag	Vice President, Provider Relations	8/14/2019	9791

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*
General Hospital facilities	Beltrami, Marshall	1	Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Kittson Memorial 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 Sanford Health in Beltrami, Pennington and Clearwater counties, Kittson Memorial Hospital in Kittson County and Carris Health in Redwood County. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties.  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.		
General Hospital facilities	Becker	4	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.	395	3

<i>General Hospital facilities</i>	<i>Beltrami</i>	4	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.	586	60
<i>General Hospital facilities</i>	<i>Cass</i>	4	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.	286	30
<i>General Hospital facilities</i>	<i>Clearwater</i>	4	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.	127	5
<i>General Hospital facilities</i>	<i>Hubbard</i>	4	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.	257	30
<i>General Hospital facilities</i>	<i>Marshall</i>	4	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.	91	5



<i>Primary Care providers</i>	<i>Beltrami,Marshall</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 Hospital, Sanford Health, and Rainy Lake Medical Center, no primary care practitioners are available to cover 100% of these areas. Members can access primary care at Sanford Health in Beltrami, Kittson Memorial Clinic in Kittson County and North Valley Health Center in Marshall 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>		
<i>Primary Care providers</i>	<i>Beltrami</i>	4	<p>Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.</p>	586	30
<i>Primary Care providers</i>	<i>Cass</i>	4	<p>Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.</p>	286	5
<i>Primary Care providers</i>	<i>Marshall</i>	4	<p>Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.</p>	91	5
<i>Mental health providers</i>	<i>Beltrami,Marshall</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, 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 Sanford Health in Beltrami County and Western Mental Health Center in Redwood 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>		
<i>Mental health providers</i>	<i>Beltrami</i>	4	<p>Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.</p>	586	20

<i>Mental health providers</i>	<i>Marshall</i>	4	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western MN Network 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.	91	15
<i>Pediatric Services Providers</i>	<i>Beltrami, Big Stone, Lac Qui Parle, Marshall, Traverse</i>	1	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, and Sanford Health, no Pediatric Services Providers are available to cover 100% of these areas. Members can access pediatric care at Sanford Health in Beltrami, Pennington, Clearwater and Stevens counties and Red Lake Hospital and Clinic in Beltrami County and Dawson Clinic in Lac Qui Parle County. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties.  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>Pediatric Services Providers</i>	<i>Beltrami</i>	4	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western MN Network 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.	586	50
<i>Pediatric Services Providers</i>	<i>Big Stone</i>	4	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.	116	70
<i>Pediatric Services Providers</i>	<i>Cass</i>	4	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.	286	10
<i>Pediatric Services Providers</i>	<i>Clearwater</i>	4	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.	127	5



<i>Pediatric Services Providers</i>	<i>Cottonwood</i>	4	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.	286	5
<i>Pediatric Services Providers</i>	<i>Grant</i>	4	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.	114	1
<i>Pediatric Services Providers</i>	<i>Jackson</i>	4	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.	277	15
<i>Pediatric Services Providers</i>	<i>Marshall</i>	4	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.	91	20

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

August 14, 2019  
Date Attestation Signed

Provider Type	County	Reason Code	Notes	Affected Enrollees*	Percent Not Covered*
<i>Pediatric Services Providers</i>	<i>Pipestone</i>	<i>4</i>	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.	<i>210</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Pediatric Services Providers</i>	<i>Polk</i>	<i>4</i>	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.	<i>175</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Pediatric Services Providers</i>	<i>Renville</i>	<i>4</i>	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.	<i>176</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Pediatric Services Providers</i>	<i>Stevens</i>	<i>4</i>	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.	<i>83</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Pediatric Services Providers</i>	<i>Traverse</i>	<i>4</i>	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.	<i>90</i>	<i>80</i>
<i>Pediatric Specialty Providers</i>	<i>Beltrami,Cass</i>	<i>4</i>	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.		
<i>Anesthesiology Physicians and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists</i>	<i>Beltrami</i>	<i>4</i>	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.		



<p><b>Cardiac Surgery</b></p>	<p><i>Beltrami, Big Stone, Cass, Chippewa, Douglas, Grant, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Marshall, Otter Tail, Pennington, Polk, Pope, Red Lake, Renville, Stevens, Swift, Traverse, Wadena, Yellow Medicine</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.</p>		
<p><b>Colon and Rectal Surgery</b></p>	<p><i>Becker, Beltrami, Big Stone, Cass, Clearwater, Hubbard, Jackson, Marshall, Nobles, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Traverse, Mahnomon</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, Essentia Health, 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 Sanford Health in Fargo ND, Sioux Falls, SD, and Carris Health in Redwood County, 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>		
<p><b>Colon and Rectal Surgery</b></p>	<p><i>Becker, Cass, Grant, Hubbard, Jackson, Lincoln, Otter Tail, Traverse, Wadena, Wilkin, Yellow Medicine</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN 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.</p>		
<p><b>Dermatology</b></p>	<p><i>Beltrami, Jackson, Nobles</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN 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.</p>		
<p><b>Endocrinology</b></p>	<p><i>Big Stone</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 Big Fork Valley Hospital, Sanford Health, and Tri County Healthcare Clinic 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 in Sioux Falls, SD, Fargo, ND and Affiliated Community Medical Center in Kandiyohi County, 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>		



<i>Endocrinology</i>	<i>Beltrami, Big Stone, Cass, Cottonwood, Jackson, Marshall, Murray, Nobles, Pennington</i>	4	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.		
<i>Gastroenterology</i>	<i>Becker, Cass, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Wadena, Beltrami</i>	4	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.		
<i>Genetics</i>	<i>Becker, Beltrami, Big Stone, Cass, Clearwater, Douglas, Grant, Hubbard, Lac Qui Parle, Mahanomen, Marshall, Otter Tail, Pennington, Polk, Pope, Red Lake, Stevens, Swift, Traverse, Wadena, Wilkin</i>	1	Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including, Altru Health System, CentraCare Health, Fairview Health Services, and Sanford Health 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.  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>Genetics</i>	<i>Big Stone, Cass, Chippewa, Cottonwood, Douglas, Grant, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Otter Tail, Pope, Redwood, Renville, Traverse, Swift, Wilkin, Yellow Medicine</i>	4	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.		
<i>Neurology and Neurological Surgery</i>	<i>Beltrami, Cass</i>	4	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of MN Prime providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.		
<i>Oncology</i>	<i>Lincoln, Yellow Medicine</i>	4	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of MN Prime providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.		
<i>Ophthalmology</i>	<i>Cass, Jackson, Nobles</i>	4	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of MN Prime providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.		

Otolaryngology	Beltrami, Cass, Wadena	4	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.		
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Occupational Medicine	Big Stone, Cass, Lincoln, Lyon, Renville, Traverse, Yellow Medicine, Beltrami	4	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.		
Pulmonary Disease	Big Stone, Traverse	1	Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Altru Health System, Lifecare Medical Center and Avera Health, no pulmonologists are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. Members can access pulmonary disease care at Sanford Health in Sioux Falls SD, Fargo, ND and Affiliated Community Medical Center and Carris Health Clinic in Kandiyohi 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.		
Pulmonary Disease	Beltrami, Big Stone, Cass, Lac Qui Parle, Marshall	4	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.		
Radiology and Nuclear Medicine	Beltrami	4	Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.		
Reconstructive Surgery	Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Hubbard, Mahanomen	1	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, Sanford Health, and Rainy Lake Medical Center, 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 Sanford Health in Sioux Falls SD, Fargo ND, Tri County Health in Wadena County and Riverview Specialty Clinic in Polk 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.		



<p><b>Reconstructive Surgery</b></p>	<p><i>Becker,Beltrami,Big Stone,Cass,Chippewa,Clearwater,Cottonwood,Douglas,Grant,Hubbard,Jackson,Kandiyohi,Lac Qui Parle,Lincoln,Lyon,Mahnome,Murray,Nobles,Otter Tail,Pennington,Polk,Pope,Red Lake,Renville,Steven s,Swift,Traverse,Wadena,Wilkin,Yellow Medicine, Marshall, Redwood</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.</p>		
<p><b>Thoracic Surgery</b></p>	<p><i>Beltrami,Big Stone,Cass,Chippewa,Douglas,Grant,Kandiyohi,Lac Qui Parle,Marshall,Otter Tail,Pennington,Polk,Pope,Red Lake,Renville,Steven s,Swift,Traverse,Wadena,Yellow Medicine</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.</p>		
<p><b>Vascular Surgery</b></p>	<p><i>Beltrami,Cass,Kandiyohi,Renville</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.</p>		
<p><b>SUD (Chemical Dependency) - Outpatient</b></p>	<p><i>Beltrami,Marshall</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.</p>		

<i>SUD (Chemical Dependency) - Inpatient</i>	<i>Beltrami, Big Stone, Marshall, Pennington</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 Douglas Place Treatment Center in Polk County, Restore House in Beltrami County, Range Mental Health Center and Center for Alcohol &amp; Drug Treatment Inc in St. Louis County, New Visions in Douglas County, Woodland Centers and Care Willmar in Kandiyohi 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>SUD (Chemical Dependency) - Inpatient</i>	<i>Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Mahanomen, Pennington, Polk</i>	<i>4</i>	<p>Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.</p>		
<i>Allergy, Immunology and Rheumatology</i>	<i>Beltrami</i>	<i>4</i>	<p>Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.</p>		
<i>Cardiac Surgery</i>	<i>Big Stone, Traverse</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 Essentia Health, Sanford Health, and Fairview Health, 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 Sanford Health in Big Stone County, Douglas County, Sioux Falls SD, and Fargo 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>		
<i>Obstetrics and Gynecology</i>	<i>Beltrami</i>	<i>4</i>	<p>Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.</p>		
<i>Orthopedic Surgery</i>	<i>Beltrami</i>	<i>4</i>	<p>Blue Plus Western MN Network plans are offered at a lower cost since eligible individuals agree to use a more focused network of Western MN Network providers and facilities. Enrollees can choose to see any licensed provider in the Western MN Network for covered services without a referral. For routine or non-emergent medical services outside of Western MN Network, enrollees will need prior approval to receive in-network benefits. Western 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.</p>		





