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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 Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota	Aware Network	MNN001	<select one>
Name	Title	Date	Reason Code 4: Enrollees in Network*
Eric Hoag	Vice President, Provider Relations	8/14/2019	

**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*
General Hospital facilities	Beltrami, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, St. Louis, Lake	1	<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, 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 the facilities listed above in these counties and neighboring counties. 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>		
Primary Care providers	Beltrami, Cook, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, St. Louis	1	<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 the facilities listed above in these counties and neighboring counties. 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><b>Mental health providers</b></p>	<p><i>Beltrami, Cook, Kittson, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Roseau, St. Louis</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, Sanford Health, and Essentia Health, no mental health professionals are available to cover 100% of these areas. Members can access mental health care at the facilities listed above in these counties and neighboring counties. 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><b>Pediatric Services Providers</b></p>	<p><i>Aitkin, Beltrami, Big Stone, Cook, Kittson, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Mille Lacs, Roseau, St. Louis, Traverse, Lac Qui Parle, Stevens</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, Essentia Health, and Sanford Health, no pediatric services providers are available to cover 100% of these areas. Members can access pediatric care at the facilities listed above in these counties and neighboring counties. 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><b>Pediatric Specialty Providers</b></p>	<p><i>Kittson, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods, Roseau, St. Louis</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, no Pediatric Specialists are available to cover 100% of these areas. Members can access pediatric specialty care at Sanford Health in Beltrami and Polk counties, Essentia Health, Pediatric Surgical Associates and Gillette Children's 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><b>Allergy, Immunology and Rheumatology</b></p>	<p><i>Kittson, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Roseau, St. Louis</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 and Pennington counties, and Essentia Health 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>		

Cardiovascular Disease	Cook	1	<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 cardiologists are available to cover 100% of Cook County. As a result, a waiver is requested. Members can access Cardiovascular Disease care at Essentia Health, St. Luke's Healthcare and Fairview Health 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>		
Cardiac Surgery	Beltrami, Cook, Kittson, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Roseau, St. Louis, Marshall, Pennington, Itasca, Aitkin, Big Stone, Traverse	1	<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, 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 Altru Health in Grand Forks County ND, St. Lukes Vascular Surgery and Essentia Health 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>		
Cardiovascular Disease	Cook	1	<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 cardiologists are available to cover 100% of Cook County. As a result, a waiver is requested. Members can access cardiovascular disease care at Essentia Health, St. Luke's Healthcare and Fairview Health 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>		
Colon and Rectal Surgery	Becker, Beltrami, Big Stone, Cass, Clearwater, Cook, Houston, Hubbard, Itasca, Jackson, Kittson, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Martin, Nobles, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau, St. Louis, Traverse	1	<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 Essentia Health in St. Louis County, Sanford Health in Fargo ND, Sioux Fall, SD, Bemidji MN, Mayo Clinic in Mower and Olmsted counties, and Veteran's Affairs Medical Centers in Swift and Douglas 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><b>Dermatology</b></p>	<p><i>Cook, Lake, Koochiching, St. Louis</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, Essentia Health, Sanford Health, Avera Health, Tri County Healthcare Clinic and Cook County North Shore Hospital, no dermatologists are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. Members can access dermatology care at St. Luke's Healthcare, Essentia Health, Fairview Health and Twin Ports Dermatology in St. Louis and Itasca 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><b>Endocrinology</b></p>	<p><i>Big Stone, Cook, Kittson, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods, St. Louis</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, 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, Essentia Health and St. Luke's Healthcare in St. Louis County, Essentia Health in Itasca County and Sanford Health in Polk 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><b>Gastroenterology</b></p>	<p><i>Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods, Roseau, St. Louis</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, Essentia Health, 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 Essentia Health and St. Luke's Gastroenterology Associates in St. Louis County, Sanford Health in Beltrami and Pennington counties, Lakeview Memorial Hospital in Lake County and Atru Health in Marshall 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><b>General Surgery</b></p>	<p><i>Cook</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 and St. Luke's Healthcare System, no general surgeons are available to cover 100% of Cook County. As a result, a waiver is requested. Members can access general surgery care at Essentia Health, St. Luke's Surgical Associates, Fairview Univ of MN Medical Center in St. Louis County and Bay Area Health Center 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>		

Genetics	Aitkin, Becker, Beltrami, Big Stone, Cass, Clearwater, Cook, Crow Wing, Douglas, Grant, Hubbard, Itasca, Kanabec, Kittson, Koochiching, Lac Qui Parle, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Otter Tail, Pennington, Pine, Polk, Pope, Red Lake, Roseau, St. Louis, Stevens, Swift, Todd, Traverse, Wadena, Wilkin	1	<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, Essentia 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>		
Nephrology	Cook, Lake	1	<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 nephrologists are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. Members can access Nephrology care at Essentia Health and St. Luke's Nephrology Associates in St. Louis County, and Essentia Health and Sanford Health in Itasca 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>		
Neurology and Neurological Surgery	Cook, Lake	1	<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, Lakeview Memorial Hospital and St. Luke's Healthcare System, no neurologists or neurosurgeons are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. Members can access Neurology and Neurosurgery care at Essentia Health and St. Luke's Neurology Associates in St. Louis County and 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 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>		
Obstetrics and Gynecology	Cook, Kittson	1	<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 Essentia Health, Womens Health Center of Duluth and in St. Louis County, Lakeview Memorial Hospital in Lake County and Altru Health Clinic in Roseau 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>Oncology</i></p>	<p><i>Cook, Lake, St. Louis</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, Fairview Health, no oncologists are available to cover 100% of Cook County. As a result, a waiver is requested. Members can access Oncology care at Essentia Health, St. Lukes Oncology and Hematology, 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>Cook, 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, Vitreorential 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>Orthopedic Surgery</i></p>	<p><i>Cook</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 orthopedic surgeons are available to cover 100% of Cook County. As a result, a waiver is requested. Members can access orthopedic care at Essentia Health, St. Luke's Orthopedic and Sports Medicine, Orthopaedic Associates of Duluth PA 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>Otolaryngology</i></p>	<p><i>Cook</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 Essentia Health, St. Luke's ENT 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><b>Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Occupational Medicine</b></p>	<p><b>Cook, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Roseau, Beltrami</b></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, Essentia Health, 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 Essentia Health and 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>		
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**\*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 MN, Vice President, Provider Relations

August 14, 2019

Name, Company, Title

Date Attestation Signed





Provider Type	County	Reason Code	Notes	Affected Enrollees*	Percent Not Covered*
<i>Pulmonary Disease</i>	<i>Big Stone, Cook, Traverse</i>	1	<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, 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 Essentia Health, St. Luke's Pulmonary Medicine, and Mesaba Clinic in St. Louis County, Bay Area Health Center in Lake County, Sanford Health and Alomere Health in Douglas County and Affiliated Community Medical Centers PA in Swift 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>Radiology and Nuclear Medicine</i>	<i>Koochiching, St. Louis</i>	1	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner organizations including Rainy Lake Medical Center, Essentia Health, Fairview Health and St. Luke's Healthcare System, no radiologists are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested for the listed counties. Members can access radiology and nuclear medicine care at Sanford Health and Medical Imaging North PA in Beltrami County, Consulting Radiologists, Essentia Health, Medical Imaging North PA in St. Louis County, Bigfork Valley Hospital and Grand Itasca Professional in Itasca County, and Lakewood Health Center Hospital Clinic in Lake of the Woods 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>Reconstructive Surgery</i>	<i>Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Cook, Hubbard, Itasca, Jackson, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Martin, Roseau, St. Louis, Mahnomen</i>	1	<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, Essentia Health, 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 Essentia Health, St. Luke's Plastic Surgery Associates, and Northland Plastic Surgery PA in St. Louis County, Lakeview Memorial Hospital in Lake County, and Mayo Clinic in Freeborn and Blue Earth 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>Thoracic Surgery</i>	<i>Beltrami, Cook, Kittson, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Roseau, St. Louis</i>	1	<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, Essentia 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 Altru Health in Grand Forks County ND, St. Lukes Vascular Surgery and Essentia Health in St. Louis County, Sanford Health in Beltrami County and Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Douglas and Chippewa 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 align="center"><b>Urology</b></p>	<p><i>Cook, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Roseau, Beltrami</i></p>	<p align="center">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, 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 Essentia Health, St. Luke's Urology Associates and Mesaba Clinic in St. Louis County, Sanford Health in Beltrami County, Lakeview Memorial Hospital in Lake County, Essentia Health in Koochiching and Itasca 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 align="center"><b>Vascular Surgery</b></p>	<p><i>Beltrami, Kittson, Koochiching, Roseau, St. Louis, Lake Of The Woods</i></p>	<p align="center">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, Essentia Health, 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 Essentia Health and St. Luke's Vascular Surgery Associates 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 align="center"><b>Pediatric Dental Care</b></p>	<p><i>Cook</i></p>	<p align="center">1</p>	<p>Based on a review of internal records and the online directories (between April 1-8, 2019) of several partner dental organizations who have a presence in or near the listed counties, as well as independent providers serving these counties, no pediatric dental specialists are available to cover 100% of these areas. As a result, waivers are requested. Members can access pediatric dental specialty care at Arrowhead Orthodontics PC in Lake, St. Louis, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgical Associates 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 align="center"><b>SUD (Chemical Dependency) - Inpatient</b></p>	<p><i>Beltrami, Big Stone, Cook, Kittson, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Pennington, Roseau, St. Louis</i></p>	<p align="center">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 Center, Altru Health and North Valley Health Center, no Substance Use Disorder Inpatient providers are available to cover 100% of these areas. 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>		
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