

## 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	Group Value Network	MNN008
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	Beltrami, Koochiching, Cook, Lake, St. Louis, Fillmore, Cass, Marshall, Lake Of The Woods, Aitkin, Itasca	1	
General Hospital facilities	Waseca, Mower, Freeborn, Steele, St. Louis	3	<p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network through several times at the beginning of the year. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on February 9, 2017.</p> <p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. There is no applicable agreement for this network with Mayo Clinic Health. Discussions were held with Mayo to include the needed facilities; however, the proposal was declined by provider on May 3, 2017.</p> <p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. There is no applicable agreement for this network with Allina Health. Discussions were held with Allina Health to include the needed facilities; however, the proposal was declined by provider on August 15, 2017.</p>
Primary Care providers	Cook, Lake, St. Louis, Lake Of The Woods, Beltrami, Marshal	1	
Mental health providers	Lake, Lake Of The Woods, Beltrami, Marshall, St. Louis, Itasca, Kittson, Koochiching, Cook, Roseau	1	
Pediatric Services Providers	Aitkin, Beltrami, Big Stone, Cook, Koochiching, Marshall, Lake, St. Louis, Traverse, Kittson, Lake Of The Woods, Fillmore, Itasca, Watonwan	1	

<i>Pediatric Services Providers</i>	<i>St. Louis,Brown,Lake</i>	3	<p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network through several times at the beginning of the year. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on February 9, 2017.</p> <p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. There is no applicable agreement for this network with Mayo Clinic Health. Discussions were held with Mayo to include the needed facilities; however, the proposal was declined by provider on May 3, 2017.</p> <p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. There is no applicable agreement for this network with Allina Health. Discussions were held with Allina Health to include the needed facilities; however, the proposal was declined by provider on August 15, 2017.</p>
<i>Pediatric Specialty Providers</i>	<i>Beltrami,Lake,Cook,Aitkin,St. Louis,Cass,Itasca,Koochiching,Lake Of The Woods,Roseau,Kittson,Traverse,Big Stone</i>	1	
<i>Pediatric Specialty Providers</i>	<i>Cass,Aitkin,Crow Wing,Itasca</i>	3	<p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network through several times at the beginning of the year. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on February 9, 2017.</p>
<i>Allergy, Immunology and Rheumatology</i>	<i>Lake Of The Woods,Rosea,Kittson</i>	1	
<i>Allergy, Immunology and Rheumatology</i>	<i>,Lake,St. Louis,Itasca,Aitkin</i>	3	<p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network through several times at the beginning of the year. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on February 9, 2017.</p>
<i>Cardiac Surgery</i>	<i>,Kittson,Roseau,Koochiching,St. Louis,Cook,Lake</i>	1	
<i>Cardiac Surgery</i>	<i>Blue Earth,Waseca,Faribault,Freeborn,Steele,Dodge,Olmsted,Mower</i>	3	<p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. There is no applicable agreement for this network with Mayo Clinic Health. Discussions were held with Mayo to include the needed facilities; however, the proposal was declined by provider on May 3, 2017.</p> <p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. There is no applicable agreement for this network with Allina Health. Discussions were held with Allina Health to include the needed facilities; however, the proposal was declined by provider on August 15, 2017.</p>
<i>Cardiovascular Disease</i>	<i>Cook</i>	1	
<i>Cardiovascular Disease</i>	<i>Koochiching,Lake,Cook,Lake Of The Woods,St. Louis</i>	3	<p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network through several times at the beginning of the year. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on February 9, 2017.</p>
<i>Colon and Rectal Surgery</i>	<i>Wilkin,,Big Stone,Clearwater,Cook,Douglas,Grant,Hubbard,Itasca,Jackson,Koochiching,Lac Qui Parle,Becker,Cass,Crow Wing,Lake Of The Woods,Mahnomen,Marshall,Kittson,Roseau,,Pennington,Polk,Otter Tail,Wadena,Todd,Stevens,Traverse,St. Louis,Beltrami,Martin,Red Lake,Aitkin,Nobles</i>	1	

<i>Colon and Rectal Surgery</i>	<i>Wabasha, Winona, Olmsted, Dodge, Mower, Fillmore, Houston, Itasca, Koochiching, St. Louis, Lake, Cook, Freeborn</i>	<b>3</b>	A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network through several times at the beginning of the year. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on February 9, 2017.  A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. There is no applicable agreement for this network with Mayo Clinic Health. Discussions were held with Mayo to include the needed facilities; however, the proposal was declined by provider on May 3, 2017.
<i>Endocrinology</i>	<i>Cook, Big Stone, Lake, Koochiching, Lake Of The Woods, Kittson, Traverse</i>	<b>1</b>	
<i>Endocrinology</i>	<i>, Itasca, Aitkin, Cass, Lake, St. Louis, Koochiching, Pine, Kanabec</i>	<b>3</b>	A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network through several times at the beginning of the year. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on February 9, 2017.
<i>Gastroenterology</i>	<i>, Cook, Itasca</i>	<b>1</b>	
<i>Gastroenterology</i>	<i>Cook, Lake, St. Louis, Becker, Hubbard, Otter Tail, Wadena</i>	<b>3</b>	A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network through several times at the beginning of the year. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on February 9, 2017.

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.

Provider Type	County	Reason Code	Notes
Genetics	Aitkin, Becker, Beltrami, Big Stone, Cass, Cook, Clearwater, Grant, Hubbard, Itasca, Kittson, Lake Of The Woods, Douglas, Mahanomen, Stevens, Pennington, Todd, Pope, Kanabec, Murray, Renville, Yellow Medicine, Lincoln, Lyon, St. Louis, Crow Wing, Wadena, Marshall, Roseau, Polk, Otter Tail, Wilkin, Traverse, Chippewa, Lac Qui Parle, Redwood, Kandiyohi, Swift, Watonwan, Koochiching, Red Lake, Nobles	1	
Genetics	Aitkin, Carlton, Brown, Cottonwood, Blue Earth, Martin, Faribault, Freeborn, Lake, Itasca, St. Louis, Jackson, Watonwan, Nicollet, Sibley, Redwood, Pine, Waseca	3	A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network through several times at the beginning of the year. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on February 9, 2017. A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. There is no applicable agreement for this network with Mayo Clinic Health. Discussions were held with Mayo to include the needed facilities; however, the proposal was declined by provider on May 3, 2017.
General Surgery	Cook	1	
Neurology and Neurological Surgery	Cook, Lake	1	
Neurology and Neurological Surgery	Traverse, St. Louis, Lake	3	A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network through several times at the beginning of the year. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on February 9, 2017.
Nephrology	Cook, Lake	1	
Nephrology	Koochiching, Itasca, St. Louis, Lake	3	A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network through several times at the beginning of the year. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on February 9, 2017.
Obstetrics and Gynecology	Cook	1	
Obstetrics and Gynecology	Cook, Lake	3	
Oncology	Cook	1	
Oncology	Beltrami, Lake Of The Woods, St. Louis, Koochiching	3	A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network through several times at the beginning of the year. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on February 9, 2017.
Orthopedic Surgery	Cook	1	
Otolaryngology	Cook	1	
Otolaryngology	Lake Of The Woods, Cook, Lake, St. Louis, Koochiching	3	A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network through several times at the beginning of the year. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on February 9, 2017.
Ophthalmology	Cook	1	
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Occupational Medicine	Kittson	1	

<i>Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Occupational Medicine</i>	<i>Koochiching, St. Louis, Lake Of The Woods</i>	3	A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network through several times at the beginning of the year. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on February 9, 2017.
<i>Pulmonary Disease</i>	<i>Cook, Beltrami, Roseau, Marshall, Clear water, Lake Of The Woods</i>	1	
<i>Pulmonary Disease</i>	<i>,Hubbard, Cass, Itasca, Koochiching, Beltrami, St. Louis, Lake</i>	3	A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network through several times at the beginning of the year. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on February 9, 2017.
<i>Radiology and Nuclear Medicine</i>	<i>Koochiching, St. Louis</i>	1	
<i>Thoracic Surgery</i>	<i>Blue Earth, Martin, Faribault, Freeborn, Dodge, Olmsted, Mower, Steele, Waseca, Fillmore</i>	3	A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. There is no applicable agreement for this network with Mayo Clinic Health. Discussions were held with Mayo to include the needed facilities; however, the proposal was declined by provider on May 3, 2017.  A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. There is no applicable agreement for this network with Allina Health. Discussions with Allina to include the needed facilities are still ongoing.
<i>Thoracic Surgery</i>	<i>Lake, Aitkin, Beltrami, Big Stone, Cass, Cook, Grant, Itasca, Kittson, Lake Of The Woods, Douglas, Stevens, Todd, Pope, Renville, Yellow Medicine, St. Louis, Crow Wing, Wadena, Marshall, Roseau, Otter Tail, Wilkin, Traverse, Chippewa, Lac Qui Parle, Kandiyohi, Swift, Brown, Watonwan, Koochichin, Nicollet, Sibley, Olmsted, Martin, Pennington, Becker</i>	1	
<i>Urology</i>	<i>Lake, Lake Of The Woods, Koochiching, St. Louis, Cook</i>	3	A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network through several times at the beginning of the year. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on February 9, 2017.
<i>Urology</i>	<i>,Lake Of The Woods, Cook, Kittson, Roseau, Beltrami</i>	1	
<i>Vascular Surgery</i>	<i>Lake, Cook, Kittson, Roseau, St. Louis, Koochiching</i>	1	
<i>Vascular Surgery</i>	<i>Blue Earth, Waseca, Faribault, Freeborn, Steele, Dodge, Olmsted, Mower</i>	3	A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. There is no applicable agreement for this network with Mayo Clinic Health. Discussions were held with Mayo to include the needed facilities; however, the proposal was declined by provider on May 3, 2017.

<i>Chemical Dependency Inpatient</i>	<i>Kittson,Roseau,Lake,Lake Of The Woods,Marshall,Beltrami,Cook,St. Louis,Big Stone,Houston,Pennington</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Dermatology</i>	<i>Cook,Koochiching</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Dermatology</i>	<i>Martin,St. Louis,Lake,Jackson,Nobles</i>	<i>3</i>	A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network through several times at the beginning of the year. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on February 9, 2017.  A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. There is no applicable agreement for this network with Mayo Clinic Health. Discussions were held with Mayo to include the needed facilities; however, the proposal was declined by provider on May 3, 2017.
<i>Reconstructive Surgery</i>	<i>Lake,Cook,St. Louis,Kittson</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Reconstructive Surgery</i>	<i>Cass,Crow Wing,Aitkin</i>	<i>3</i>	A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Essentia Health regarding participation in this network through several times at the beginning of the year. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on February 9, 2017.
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