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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	High Value Network	MNN009	<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	Aitkin, Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Clay, Cook, Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Mower, Roseau, St. Louis, Steele, Waseca	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 and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p> <p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Mayo Clinic Health to include the needed facilities for this network and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our proposal was declined by the provider on June 13, 2018. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p>		
General Hospital facilities	Beltrami, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, St. Louis, Aitkin	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, 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 St. Lukes Healthcare in St. Louis County, Sanford Health in Pennington and Beltrami counties, Red Lake Hospital in Beltrami County and Riverwood Healthcare Center in Aitkin 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><i>Primary Care providers</i></p>	<p><i>Beltrami, Cook, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, 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, 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 Sanford Health in Beltrami, Koochiching and Mahnomen counties, Sawtooth Mountain Clinic in Cook County and St. Luke's Healthcare and Mesaba Clinic 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><i>Mental health providers</i></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, and Sanford Health, no Mental Health professionals are available to cover 100% of these areas. Members can access mental health care at Mesaba Clinic and St. Luke's Healthcare in St. Louis County, Sanford Health in Beltrami County and Lakeview Behavioral Health in Koochiching 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><i>Pediatric Services Providers</i></p>	<p><i>Aitkin, Beltrami, Big Stone, Brown, Carlton, Cass, Clearwater, Cottonwood, Crow Wing, Faribault, Jackson, Kanabec, Kittson, Lac Qui Parle, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Martin, Mille Lacs, Pennington, Pine, Pipestone, Roseau, Stevens, St. Louis, Traverse, Watonwan</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<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 and in compliance with the Minn. Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p> <p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Mayo Clinic Health to include the needed facilities for this network and in compliance with the Minn. Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our proposal was declined by the provider on June 13, 2018. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p>		
<p><i>Pediatric Services Providers</i></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</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, and Sanford Health, no pediatric services providers are available to cover 100% of these areas. Members can access pediatric care at Sanford in Beltrami and Douglas counties, St. Luke's Healthcare and Mesaba Clinic in St. Louis County, Lifecare Medical Center in Roseau County, Swift County Benson Hospital and Clinic in Swift County and Dawson Clinic in Lac Qui Parle 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><i>Allergy, Immunology and Rheumatology</i></p>	<p><i>Aitkin, Beltrami, Itasca, Lake, Lake of the Woods, St. Louis</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<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 and in compliance with the Minn. Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p>		

<p><i>Allergy, Immunology and Rheumatology</i></p>	<p><i>Kittson, 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 County, and St. Luke's Healthcare 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>Cardiac Surgery</i></p>	<p><i>Aitkin, Big Stone, Blue Earth, Brown, Cass, Chippewa, Crow Wing, Dodge, Douglas, Itasca, Kandiyohi, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Grant, Lac Qui Parie, Martin, Mower, Olmsted, Otter Tail, Pope, Renville, Steele, Stevens, Swift, Todd, Traverse, Waseca, Watonwan, Wadena, Yellow Medicine,</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<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 and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p> <p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Mayo Clinic Health to include the needed facilities for this network and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our proposal was declined by the provider on June 13, 2018. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p>		
<p><i>Cardiac Surgery</i></p>	<p><i>Beltrami, Cook, Kittson, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Roseau, St. Louis, Marshall, Pennington</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, 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 St. Luke's Vascular Surgery and Hibbing Family Medical Center 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><i>Cardiovascular Disease</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 cardiologists are available to cover 100% of Cook County. As a result, a waiver is requested. Members can access Cardiovascular Disease care at 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>		
<p><i>Colon and Rectal Surgery</i></p>	<p><i>Becker, Cass, Cook, Crow Wing, Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Grant, Houston, Hubbard, Itasca, Jackson, Koochiching, Lake, Lincoln, Morrison, Mower, Nobles, Olmsted, Otter Tail, St. Louis, Todd, Traverse, Wabasha, Wadena, Wilkin, Winona, Yellow Medicine</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<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 and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p> <p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Mayo Clinic Health to include the needed facilities for this network and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our proposal was declined by the provider on June 13, 2018. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p>		

<i>Colon and Rectal Surgery</i>	<i>Becker, Beltrami, Big Stone, Cass, Clearwater, Cook, Houston, Hubbard, Itasca, Jackson, Kittson, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Martin, Nobles, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau, St. Louis, 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 Altru Health System, Avera 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 St. Luke's Surgical Associates in St. Louis County, Sanford Health in Fargo ND, Sioux Fall, SD, Bemidji MN, Swift County Benson Hospital Clinic in Swift County and Alexandria VA in Douglas 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>Dermatology</i>	<i>Jackson, Koochiching, Lake, Martin, Nobles, 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 and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p>		
<i>Dermatology</i>	<i>Cook, Koochiching, Lake, 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 Big Fork Valley Hospital, Sanford Health, 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, Fairview Health and Twin Ports Dermatology 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>		
<i>Endocrinology</i>	<i>Aitkin, Beltrami, Big Stone, Cass, Cottonwood, Itasca, Jackson, Koochiching, Lac Qui Parle, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Redwood, St. Louis, Yellow Medicine</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 and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p>		
<i>Endocrinology</i>	<i>Big Stone, Cook, Kittson, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods, 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 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, St. Luke's Healthcare 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>		
<i>Gastroenterology</i>	<i>Beltrami, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, 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 and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent</p>		

<p>Gastroenterology</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, 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 St. Luke's Gastroenterology Associates in St. Louis County, Sanford Health in Beltrami and Pennington counties, 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 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>		
<p>General Surgery</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 general surgeons are available to cover 100% of Cook County. As a result, a waiver is requested. Members can access general surgery care at 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>		
<p>Genetics</p>	<p><i>Aitkin, Big Stone, Blue Earth, Brown, Carlton, Chippewa, Cottonwood, Dodge, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Itasca, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Lake, Lincoln, Lyon, Martin, McLeod, Mower, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Olmsted, Pine, Redwood, Renville, Sibley, St. Louis, Steele, Swift, Waseca, Watonwan, Yellow Medicine</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<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 and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p> <p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Mayo Clinic Health to include the needed facilities for this network and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our proposal was declined by the provider on June 13, 2018. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p>		
<p>Genetics</p>	<p><i>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</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 Allina Health, Altru Health System, Avera Health, CentraCare 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 Laurentian Medical Clinic and St. Luke's Nephrology 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>		
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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>Neurology and Neurological Surgery</i>	<i>Lake, St. Louis</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 and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.		
<i>Neurology and Neurological Surgery</i>	<i>Cook, Lake</i>	1	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 St. Luke's Neurology Associates in St. Louis County and Lakeview Memorial Hospital in Lake 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 2018 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.		
<i>Obstetrics and Gynecology</i>	<i>Cook, 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 and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.		
<i>Obstetrics and Gynecology</i>	<i>Cook, Kittson</i>	1	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 Sanford Health in Beltrami, Pennington and Polk Counties, St. Lukes Obstetrics and Gynecology Associates and Mesaba Clinic in St. Louis County and Lakeview Memorial Hospital in Lake 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.		
<i>Oncology</i>	<i>Lac Qui Parle, Lake, Lincoln, St. Louis, Yellow Medicine</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 and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.		
<i>Oncology</i>	<i>Cook, Lake, St. Louis</i>	1	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. Lukes Healthcare and 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. 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.		

Ophthalmology	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, 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 pphthalmology care at St. Luke's Ophthalmology Associates, Sundell Eye Associates, Vitreorential Surgery PA in St. Louis County, and Altru 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>		
Orthopedic Surgery	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 orthopedic surgeons are available to cover 100% of Cook County. As a result, a waiver is requested. Members can access orthopedic surgery care at 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>		
Otolaryngology	Beltrami, Cook, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods, 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 and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p>		
Otolaryngology	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 otolaryngologists are available to cover 100% of Cook County. As a result, a waiver is requested. Members can access otolaryngology care at 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>		
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Occupational Medicine	Beltrami, Cook, Faribault, Freeborn, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Lincoln, Lyon, St. Louis, Traverse, Yellow Medicine	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 and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p> <p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Mayo Clinic Health to include the needed facilities for this network and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our proposal was declined by the provider on June 13, 2018. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p>		

<p><i>Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Occupational Medicine</i></p>	<p><i>Cook, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Roseau, Beltrami</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, 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 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>		
<p><i>Pulmonary Disease</i></p>	<p><i>Big Stone, Cook, Koochiching, Lac Qui Parle, Lake, St. Louis</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<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 and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p>		
<p><i>Pulmonary Disease</i></p>	<p><i>Big Stone, Cook, Traverse</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, 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 St. Luke's Pulmonary Medicine, and Mesaba Clinic in St. Louis County, Bay Area Health in Lake County, Sanford Health in Sioux Falls, SD and Fargo, ND. and Alomere Health in Douglas 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>Radiology and Nuclear Medicine</i></p>	<p><i>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 Rainy Lake Medical Center, 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, Medical Imaging North PA in St. Louis 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>		

<p>Reconstructive Surgery</p>	<p><i>Becker, Beltrami, Big Stone, Blue Earth, Brown, Cass, Chippewa, Clearwater, Cottonwood, Faribault, Freeborn, Hubbard, Itasca, Jackson, Koochiching, Lac Qui Parle, Lake of the Woods, Lincoln, Lyon, Mahnomen, Marshall, Martin, Murray, Nobles, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Redwood, Roseau, St. Louis, Traverse, Watonwan, Yellow Medicine</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<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 and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p> <p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Mayo Clinic Health to include the needed facilities for this network and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our proposal was declined by the provider on June 13, 2018. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p>		
<p>Reconstructive Surgery</p>	<p><i>Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Cook, Hubbard, Itasca, Jackson, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Martin, 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, 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 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>		
<p>Thoracic Surgery</p>	<p><i>Aitkin, Becker, Beltrami, Big Stone, Blue Earth, Brown, Cass, Chippewa, Crow Wing, Dodge, Douglas, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Grant, Itasca</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<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 and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p> <p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Mayo Clinic Health to include the needed facilities for this network and in</p>		
<p>Thoracic Surgery</p>	<p><i>Beltrami, Cook, Kittson, Koochiching, 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 Allina Health, Altru Health System, Avera Health, CentraCare 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 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 St. Lukes Vascular Surgery in St. Louis County, 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>Urology</p>	<p><i>Beltrami, Cook, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods, St. Louis</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<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 and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p>		

<p><i>Urology</i></p>	<p><i>Beltrami, Cook, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Roseau</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, 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 St. Luke's Urology Associates and Mesaba Clinic in St. Louis County, Sanford Health in Beltrami County, 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 2019 to determine whether telemedicine, outreach clinics, or mobile health providers offer feasible, cost-effective solutions for filling these network gaps.</p>		
<p><i>Vascular Surgery</i></p>	<p><i>Aitkin, Blue Earth, Cass, Crow Wing, Dodge, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Mower, Olmsted, Steele, St. Louis, Waseca</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<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 and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our organizations could not agree on terms needed for this network. The provider declined participation on May 1, 2019. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p> <p>A waiver is requested due to another specialty provider located in the area. Discussions were conducted with Mayo Clinic Health to include the needed facilities for this network and in compliance with the Minn.Stat. §62K.10. These are not Essential Community Providers. Our proposal was declined by the provider on June 13, 2018. Members can access in-network specialists in adjacent counties.</p>		
<p><i>Vascular Surgery</i></p>	<p><i>Beltrami, 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 Cook County North Shore Hospital, Kittson Memorial Healthcare Center, 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 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><i>Pediatric Dental Care</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 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 care at Scenic Rivers Health Services, Arrowhead Orthodontics, Chester Creek Dental 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>SUD (Chemical Dependency) - Inpatient</i></p>	<p><i>Beltrami, Big Stone, Cook, Kittson, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Pennington, Roseau, St. Louis, Houston</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 Kiltson 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 Northland Recovery Center in Koochiching and Itasca counties, Restore House in Beltrami County, Range Mental Health Center and Center for Alcohol & Drug Treatment Inc in St. Louis County and Keystone Treatment Center in Sioux Falls, SD.</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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