

## The temporary extension of authorization dates on select medical and pharmacy benefit drugs for commercial members concludes Aug. 1, 2020

On April 16, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 public health crisis, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network announced an extension of authorization end dates for select medical and pharmacy benefit drugs for Blue Cross' PPO (commercial) and BCN HMOSM (commercial) members. Authorizations scheduled to expire between March 1 and June 1, 2020, were extended to August 1, 2020, to assist members with continuity of care and ease the administrative burden on health care providers.

The extended authorizations for medical and pharmacy drugs for commercial health plans (PPO and BCN HMO) conclude Aug. 1, 2020. Standard authorization end dates once again apply for all commercial drugs.

Please consult the *Temporary changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic* document for other changes temporarily put in place for the public health crisis.