Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Expedites Access to Care for Members Affected by Midwest Flooding

BOSTON, April 5, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- In response to the recent Missouri River flooding, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (BCBSMA), Inc. is expediting access to care for members who live in affected areas in Iowa and Nebraska.

Through our national Blue Card plan, we provide health care coverage for people across the country, including nearly 1,400 members in impacted areas of Iowa and Nebraska. In the wake of the severe flooding, we are working to ensure that members can access health services and medications quickly and in locations convenient to them. For our members living in affected counties in Iowa and Nebraska, effective immediately, we are:

- Allowing early refills of prescription medications
- Waiving referral, authorization and pre-certification requirements for medical and pharmacy services
- Offering medical and behavioral health visits through Well Connection, our telehealth platform, free of cost, including copayments and deductibles – affected members should call member service for details.

"The recent flooding has caused devastating losses," saidAndrew Dreyfus, president & CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. "We want our members in these areas to know they can get the care they need when they need it while they are dealing with the aftermath of the severe flooding."

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