

# Blue Distinction<sup>®</sup>

## Specialty Care Program

**Overall, patients treated at  
Blue Distinction Centers have:**

**Lower readmission rates.**

**Better health outcomes.**

**Fewer complications.**



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# Blue Distinction — the best choice for your health care.



## Choose a hospital wisely

Blue Distinction doctors and hospitals have a proven track record of providing high-quality care and better results compared to other facilities. So if you're having a serious medical procedure, it's important to have it performed by a Blue Distinction provider. To make sure you choose the right one, look for the:

Blue  
Distinction<sup>®</sup>  
Center

designation  
of quality.

Blue  
Distinction<sup>®</sup>  
Center+

designation of  
quality and efficiency.



## Types of specialty care

Some of the services you can expect to find at a Blue Distinction Center include:

- Bariatric surgery
- Cancer care
- Cardiac care
- Cellular immunotherapy - CAR-T
- Fertility care
- Gene therapy-ocular disorders
- Knee and hip replacement
- Maternity care
- Spine surgery
- Substance use treatment and recovery
- Transplants

## Choose Blue to get proven results.

Choosing a Blue Distinction provider can lower your chance for complications and shorten your stay, which means you'll likely pay less out of pocket-for-care.



## A nationwide quality designation

Blue Distinction is a designation awarded by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association to providers who deliver superior results for complicated, costly procedures. Blue Distinction Centers have been evaluated to meet strict criteria set by expert doctors and medical certifying organizations.



## Here's how to find a location near you.

Use our convenient, online search tool by visiting **MyHighmark.com**. From there:

- Go to the **Provider Search** tool.
- Scroll to the bottom until you see **Helpful Links**.
- Under Blue Resources, click on **Blue Distinction Centers**.

You can also call the Member Service number **on the back of your member ID card**.

## Don't forget to check for **Blue Distinction** Center designation.

Look for this recognition to help inform you in your search for the right specialty care:

- **Blue Distinction Centers:**

Facilities recognized for their expertise in delivering specialty care.

- **Blue Distinction Centers+:**

Facilities recognized for their expertise and efficiency in delivering specialty care.

Remember, Blue Distinction doctors and hospitals have a **proven history of delivering better results than facilities without these recognitions**.

To learn more about your health plan's benefit levels for specialty care procedures and conditions, please **refer to your benefit booklet**.



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Blue Distinction Total Care ("Total Care") providers have met national criteria based on provider commitment to deliver value-based care to a population of Blue members. Total Care+ providers also met a goal of delivering quality care at a lower total cost relative to other providers in their area. Program details are displayed on [www.bcbs.com](http://www.bcbs.com). Individual outcomes may vary. For details on a provider's in-network status or your own policy's coverage, contact your Local Blue Plan and ask your provider before making an appointment. Neither Blue Cross Blue Shield Association nor any Blue Plans are responsible for noncovered charges or other losses or damages resulting from Blue Distinction or other provider finder information or care received from Blue Distinction or other providers.

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