

If You're Facing a Serious Medical Procedure or Surgery

Choose Blue Distinction/Blue Distinction+



HELP YOURSELF PAY LESS AND LOWER THE TOTAL COST OF YOUR CARE!

LOOK FOR THE SIGN OF QUALITY: BLUE DISTINCTION®/BLUE DISTINCTION+

Blue Distinction is a designation awarded by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association to hospitals proven to 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.

Overall, patients treated at Blue Distinction Centers have:

- Better outcomes
- Fewer complications
- Fewer readmissions
- Higher survival rates
- Lower total cost of care

YOUR BLUE DISTINCTION/BLUE DISTINCTION+ SPECIALTY CARE BENEFITS

Blue Distinction Centers focus on seven specialty areas:

- Bariatric Surgery
- Cardiac Care
- Complex and Rare Cancers
- Knee and Hip Replacement
- Maternity Care
- Spine Surgery
- Transplants

If you need to travel, your health plan may provide coverage. Review your Benefit Booklet for more details about your Blue Distinction/Blue Distinction+ specialty care benefits. You also can call Member Service at the number on your Highmark ID card.

HOW TO FIND A BLUE DISTINCTION CENTER OR A BLUE DISTINCTION CENTER+

Blue Distinction Centers are available nationwide. When you're searching for specialty care, look for the Blue Distinction recognition.

- By Phone: Call the Member Service number on your member ID card.
- Online: Go to **highmarkbcbs.com** and start with the **Find a Doctor or Rx** tab. Or simply use the Blue Distinction Finder by selecting **Search All** in Step 1, the **Specialty** in question in Step 2, the **State** you need to search in Step 3 and click **View Results**.

Blue Distinction® Center

Facilities recognized for their expertise in delivering specialty care.

Blue Distinction® Center+

Facilities recognized for their expertise and cost efficiency in delivering specialty care. In order to qualify as a Blue Distinction Center+, the facility must first meet all of the quality requirements of a Blue Distinction Center.

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Note: Designation as Blue Distinction Centers means these facilities' overall experience and aggregate data met objective criteria established in collaboration with expert clinicians' and leading professional organizations' recommendations. Individual outcomes may vary. To find out which services are covered under your policy at any facilities, please contact your local Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan; and call your provider before making an appointment, to verify the most current information on its network participation and Blue Distinction status. Neither the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association nor any of its licensees are responsible for any damages, losses, or non-covered charges that may result from using Blue Distinction or other provider finder information or receiving care from a Blue Distinction or other provider.

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请拨打您的身份证背面的号码（TTY：711）。