



Choosing the Right Care for You and Your Family

Tiered Benefit Product for Members

Blue Distinction® Center
Hospitals recognized for their expertise in delivering specialty care.

Blue Distinction® Center +
Hospitals recognized for their expertise and efficiency in delivering specialty care.



Blue Distinction Centers (BDCs) have demonstrated expertise in delivering clinically proven specialty health care. The goal is to help you find consistent specialty care, while encouraging health care professionals to improve the overall quality and delivery of care nationwide.

BDCs for the following specialty health care services are available:

- **Blue Distinction® Centers for Bariatric Surgery** – Provide inpatient care, post-operative care, follow-up and patient education.
- **Blue Distinction® Centers for Cardiac Care** – Provide inpatient cardiac care, cardiac rehabilitation, cardiac catheterization and cardiac surgery.
- **Blue Distinction® Centers for Transplants** – Provide transplant services that may include global pricing, financial savings analysis and global claims administration and support services.
- **Blue Distinction® Centers for Complex and Rare Cancers** – Provide inpatient cancer care programs for adults, including treating complex and rare subtypes of cancer. Care is delivered by multidisciplinary teams with subspecialty training and distinguished clinical expertise, focused on treatment planning and complex, major surgical treatments.
- **Blue Distinction® Centers for Knee and Hip Replacement** – Provide inpatient knee and hip replacement surgeries and services.
- **Blue Distinction® Centers for Spine Surgery** – Provide inpatient spine surgery services, including discectomy, fusion and decompression procedures.

Hospitals with expertise in specialty care

To learn more about Blue Distinction, visit bcbs.com/why-bcbs/blue-distinction/ or call the Customer Service number on the back of your member ID card.

High Quality, Lower Cost

Choosing a BDC or a BDC+ facility may help you achieve a better outcome and, depending on your specific plan, lower out-of-pocket costs*. When you use a BDC for your specialty care, you will receive the highest level of benefits and reassurance that the facility has a record of providing proven, effective care.

The Blue Distinction Center Tiered Benefit product offers the highest level of benefits when you visit a Blue Distinction Center for the following conditions:

Specialty Program	BDC	BDC+
Bariatric Surgery	●	●
Cardiac Care	●	●
Complex and Rare Cancers	●	●
Knee and Hip Replacement	●	●
Spine Surgery	●	●
Transplants	●	●

● Now Available ● Coming Soon

Although your plan may require you to receive treatment at a BDC or BDC+ to get the highest level of benefits, you may still be covered at a non-BDC, but your out-of-pocket costs will usually be higher. Additional benefits of using a BDC include:

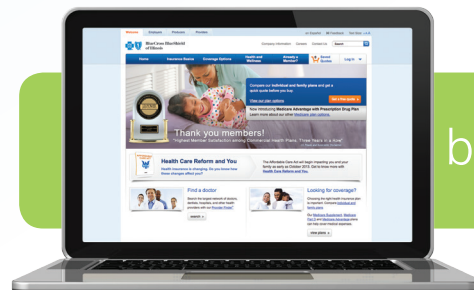
Nationwide Access

Because BDCs provide quality care in a variety of specialties, you can choose the facility that best fits your needs. There are approximately 1,900 BDCs available nationally. To find a BDC near you, visit the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL) Provider Finder® tool.

- Go to bcbsil.com
- Click on [Find A Doctor](#)
- Select Search by [Provider Type](#)
- Select [State](#)
- Select [Health Plan](#)
- Select [Provider Type](#)

No Claims to File

When you receive care at a Blue Distinction Center, you usually won't have to file claims. Be sure to show your member ID card to your Blue Distinction provider. This card provides information about copayments and billing.



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*Costs vary. Please refer to your benefit booklet for details.

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 call your local Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plan; and call your provider before making an appointment, to verify the most current information on their Network participation status. Neither 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 receiving care from a provider designated as a Blue Distinction Center.