

Specialty Care with the Blue Distinction® Program



Blue Distinction Specialty Care centers offer high-quality and affordable in-network care by recognizing doctors, hospitals, and other healthcare facilities that have a history of delivering exceptional patient results. If you are facing a health situation that requires more complex treatments or surgery, Blue Distinction Specialty Care centers provide the expert care you need while helping to keep out-of-pocket costs lower.

Use our Find a Doctor tool at azblue.com/MyBlue to find the Blue Distinction Specialty Care center that's right for you.

A Standard of Excellence

Blue Distinction Specialty Care centers:

- Staff facilities with doctors and nurses that have specialized experience
- Provide the highest level of patient support at all stages of treatment
- Report fewer complications after treatment than other facilities
- Operate more cost efficiently, with greater than 20% average savings per episode¹

Areas of Specialty Care

- Bariatric (weight-loss) Surgery
- Cancer Care
- Cardiac Care
- Cellular Immunotherapy
- Fertility Care
- Knee and Hip Replacement
- Maternity Care
- Spine Surgery
- Substance Use Treatment and Recovery
- Transplants

¹Blue Cross Blue Shield Association and provider registry data, Blue Distinction Center (BDC) and Blue Distinction Center+ (BDC+) eligible facilities vs. relevant comparison group. Results based on most recent designation cycle for each specialty. Savings based on BDC+ total episode cost.

BDCs meet overall quality measures, developed with input from the medical community. A Local Blue Plan may require additional criteria for providers located in its own service area; for details, contact BCBSAZ. BDC+ facilities also met cost measures that address consumers' need for affordable healthcare. Each provider's cost of care is evaluated using data from its Local Blue Plan. Providers in CA, ID, NY, PA, and WA may lie in two Local Blue Plans' areas, resulting in two evaluations for cost of care; and their own Local Blue Plans decide whether one or both cost of care evaluation(s) must meet BDC+ national criteria. National criteria for BDC and BDC+ are displayed on www.bcbs.com. Individual outcomes may vary. For details on a provider's in-network status or your own policy's coverage, contact BCBSAZ and ask your provider before making an appointment. Neither the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association nor any Blue Plans are responsible for non-covered 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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