



## Across the country and around the world...we've got you covered.

As a Blue Cross and Blue Shield member, you take your healthcare benefits with you — across the country and around the world. Your membership gives you a world of choices. Within the United States, you're covered whether you need care in urban or rural areas. Outside the United States, you have access to doctors and hospitals in more than 200 countries and territories around the world through the BlueCard Worldwide® Program.

## Designed to save you money.

In most cases, when you travel or live outside your Blue Cross and Blue Shield company's service area, you can take advantage of savings the local BCBS company has negotiated with its doctors and hospitals. For covered services, you should not have to pay any amount above these negotiated rates and any applicable out-of-pocket expenses.

To locate doctors and hospitals wherever you or a covered dependent need care (have your member ID card handy):

- Visit the National Doctor & Hospital Finder at [www.BCBS.com](http://www.BCBS.com).
- Use the National Doctor & Hospital Finder app for Android,\* iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch.\*\* (Rates from your wireless provider may apply.)
- Call BlueCard Access® at 1.800.810.BLUE (2583).



# Take charge of your health, wherever you are.

## In the United States

- Always carry your current member ID card.
- If you're a PPO member, always use a BlueCard PPO doctor or hospital to ensure you receive the highest level of benefits.
- Call your BCBS company for precertification or prior authorization, if necessary. Refer to the phone number on the back of your member ID card.
- When you arrive at the participating doctor's office or hospital, show the provider your ID card. The provider will identify your benefit level through one of these symbols:



Traditional/  
Indemnity  
Benefits



PPO  
Benefits

## After you receive care, you should:

- Not have to complete any claim forms.
- Not have to pay upfront for medical services, except for the out-of-pocket expenses (noncovered services, deductible, copayment and coinsurance) you normally pay.
- Receive an explanation of benefits from your BCBS company.

In an emergency, go directly to the nearest hospital.



National strength. Local focus. Individual care.™

## Around the world

- Always carry your current member ID card.
- Before you travel, contact your BCBS company for coverage details. Coverage outside the United States may be different.
- If you need medical assistance, call the BlueCard Worldwide Service Center at 1.800.810.BLUE (2583) or call collect at 1.804.673.1177, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. An assistance coordinator, in conjunction with a medical professional, will arrange a physician appointment or hospitalization, if necessary.

**Inpatient claim:** Call the BlueCard Worldwide Service Center if you need inpatient care. In most cases, you should not need to pay upfront for inpatient care at BlueCard Worldwide hospitals except for the out-of-pocket expenses (noncovered services, deductible, copayment and coinsurance) you normally pay. The hospital should submit the claim on your behalf.

In addition to contacting the BlueCard Worldwide Service Center, call your BCBS company for precertification or preauthorization. Refer to the phone number on the back of your member ID card. *Note: this number is different from the BlueCard Worldwide Service Center phone numbers listed above.*

**Professional claim:** You may need to pay upfront for care received from a doctor and/or hospital. Complete a BlueCard Worldwide International claim form and send it with the bill(s) to the BlueCard Worldwide Service Center (the address is on the form). The claim form is available from your BCBS company or online at [www.bluecardworldwide.com](http://www.bluecardworldwide.com).

To learn more about BlueCard, visit our website at [ExcellusBCBS.com/ProviderBlueCard](http://ExcellusBCBS.com/ProviderBlueCard), or call 1-800-404-1445.

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