



Blue Choice PPOSM and Blue High Performance Network[®] Provider Manual

Section M

Blue Distinction[®] Program

Important Note: Throughout this provider manual there will be instances when there are references unique to Blue Choice PPO, Blue High Performance Network, Blue EdgeSM, EPO and the Federal Employee Program[®]. These specific requirements will be noted with the plan/ network name. If a plan/network name is not specifically listed or the "Plan" is referenced, the information will apply to all products.

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Blue Distinction® Centers:

- Health care providers are recognized for their expertise in delivering specialty care.

Blue Distinction® Centers+:

- Health care providers recognized for their expertise and cost-efficiency in delivering specialty care.
- Quality remains key: only those providers that first meet nationally established, objective quality measures for Blue Distinction Centers will be considered for designation as a Blue Distinction® Center+.

Blue Distinction® Specialty Care has eleven areas of specialty care:

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

To learn more – go to the [Blue Distinction](#) page.