

BlueChoice®



As a PPO/EPO member of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, you'll be able to choose network doctors, hospitals and other providers from the **BlueChoice** network, one of the largest in Texas. The BlueChoice network has more than 57,000 physicians and professional providers and more than 550 hospitals in the network. Additionally, if you travel, you'll have access to **BlueCard®** — a national program that enables members to obtain health care services while traveling across the country and in more than 200 countries and territories worldwide.

Remember, to receive the highest level of benefits, you must use the BlueChoice network providers*. BlueChoice network providers have contracted with BCBSTX to provide health care services at negotiated rates. By choosing a BlueChoice network provider you will usually pay less out of pocket, usually won't have to file claims and you'll get the highest level of benefits. If you choose an out-of-network provider you may not be covered, your out-of-pocket costs will be higher and you may be responsible for filing your own claims.

Finding a doctor is easy. Click **Find a Doctor** on **bcbstx.com** to search for network providers.

More than 720,000 doctors and nearly 6,300 hospitals contract with Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans nationwide.

Available in Spanish

Use the Find a Doctor link on the home page and select the "en Español" graphic in the upper right corner.

Customize Your Online Search

Once you select your health plan coverage type, search by Name or Provider Type, and print a list of providers matching your specific needs. The customized Provider Finder information is updated daily. You'll also find useful information, such as:

- The doctor's, hospital's or other health care provider's phone number, address and a map to the location
- The practice limitations, languages spoken, gender, affiliations and if new patients are accepted

See an Online Regional Directory

You can see and print pages from the directory of doctors, hospitals and other health care providers in your region. Click your color-coded region in the map of Texas. The regional directory is updated twice a month. You may also request a hard copy of the provider directory by calling or writing Customer Service.

* An allowable amount is the maximum amount Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas will reimburse a doctor or hospital for a covered service. When you receive care in the network, you will not be responsible for charges above the allowable amount. However, if you decide to receive care out-of-network, covered services will be paid at a lower level and you may be responsible for charges in excess of the allowable amount.