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Blue Distinction

Centers for Bariatric Surgery®

Directory of Providers

Your Participating Provider Directory

This Provider Directory is your guide to facilities that have been designated as Blue Distinction Centers for Specialty Care[®]. We are continually adding providers to this list, so if you do not see a particular healthcare provider listed, you need additional information regarding a provider or you have any questions about your specific benefits, please call the customer service number on the back of your identification card.

This printed directory is organized by state and city for your convenience. A provider's participation in the program is subject to change. To verify this information, please contact the provider before you receive medical services.

If this is an emergency (for example, if you are having chest pain), please proceed to the nearest healthcare facility with an emergency department.

Blue Distinction[®]

Blue Distinction is an innovative quality designation that helps consumers find medical facilities that have demonstrated expertise in select procedures. Blue Distinction recognizes facilities that meet objective, evidence-based thresholds for clinical quality, developed in collaboration with expert physicians and medical organizations. These designated facilities are subject to periodic reevaluation; reassessing their structure, processes and aggregate patient outcomes.

Blue Distinction Centers for Specialty Care[®]

Blue Distinction's goal is to give consumers in need of specialty care credible support and information for making more effective healthcare decisions, thus delivering better value to Blue members.¹ The Blue Distinction program examines evidence-based quality measures, processes, and aggregate outcomes for clinical care in specific areas of specialty care. At the core of Blue Distinction are the Blue Distinction Centers for Specialty Care (Blue Distinction Centers[®]), initially launched in 2006. Areas covered by this program include bariatric surgery, cardiac care, complex and rare cancers, and transplants.

There is great variation in terms of how specialty care patients are evaluated and treated. Blue Distinction Centers help consumers identify facilities that met quality-focused criteria determined in collaboration with medical experts across the country, at national and local levels. These selection criteria help to identify facilities that are staffed appropriately and are

¹ Some Blue companies may already participate in local bariatric programs. The Blue Distinction Centers for Bariatric Surgery do not disrupt or replace these existing programs. Blue members may not necessarily be required to use institutions that are part of this program.

fully integrated to support the goals of increased patient health and safety.

Blue Distinction Centers for Specialty Care programs provide a framework for better-informed healthcare choices, thus delivering better value to Blue members.

Blue Distinction Centers for Bariatric Surgery®

The aim of the Blue Distinction Centers for Bariatric Surgery is to enhance the overall quality of care bariatric surgery patients receive, and thereby deliver better value for Blue Plan members. Facilities designated as Blue Distinction Centers for Bariatric Surgery have dedicated teams that provide a full range of bariatric surgical care services, including inpatient care, post-operative care, follow-up and patient education.

The selection criteria used in designating Blue Distinction Centers for Bariatric Surgery were developed in collaboration with expert physicians and medical organizations, including the American College of Surgeons (ACS), American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) and the Surgical Review Corporation (SRC).² Potential Blue Distinction Centers submit clinical data to establish that they meet our selection criteria, which include:

- an established bariatric surgery program, actively performing these procedures for the most recent 12-month period and performing a required minimum volume of 125 such surgeries annually
- appropriate experience of its bariatric surgery team
- an acute care inpatient facility, including intensive care and emergency services
- full accreditation by The Joint Commission, Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP) or national equivalent³
- a comprehensive quality management program

To see a list of the specific selection criteria for the Blue Distinction Centers for Bariatric Surgery, please visit www.BCBS.com/bluedistinction.

The facilities listed herein are independent organizations that provide care and treatment to Blue Cross and Blue Shield

² These organizations have provided information and input, but do not formally endorse the Blue Distinction Centers program.

³ Equivalent organizations will be assessed based on new national hospital accreditation organizations approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

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Blue Distinction Centers for Bariatric Surgery®

As of June 26, 2009

ALABAMA

Crestwood Medical Center	Huntsville
Huntsville Hospital	Huntsville
Mobile Infirmary Medical Center	Mobile
Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center	Anniston
Shelby Baptist Medical Center	Alabaster
St. Vincent's East	Birmingham
Trinity Medical Center	Birmingham
University of Alabama Hospital	Birmingham

ALASKA

Providence Alaska Medical Center	Anchorage
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ARIZONA

Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center	Phoenix
Scottsdale Healthcare Shea	Scottsdale
St. Luke's Medical Center	Phoenix

CALIFORNIA

Alta Bates Summit Medical Center	Oakland
Alvarado Hospital	San Diego
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center	Los Angeles
Chapman Medical Center	Orange
Clovis Community Hospital	Clovis
Delano Regional Medical Center	Delano
Desert Regional Medical Center	Palm Springs
El Camino Hospital	Mountain View
Enloe Medical Center	Chico
Fountain Valley Regional Hospital	Fountain Valley
Good Samaritan Hospital	San Jose
Huntington Memorial Hospital	Pasadena
Marina Del Rey Hospital	Marina Del Rey
Memorial Hospital Medical Center	Modesto
Mercy San Juan Medical Center	Carmichael
Methodist Hospital of Southern California	Arcadia
Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center	Fountain Valley
Parkview Community Hospital Medical Center	Riverside
Pomerado Hospital	Poway
Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center	Burbank
Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital	Santa Barbara
Scripps Memorial Hospital - La Jolla	La Jolla
Scripps Mercy Hospital	San Diego
Sharp Memorial Hospital	San Diego
Southwest Healthcare System	Murrieta
St. Agnes Medical Center	Fresno

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St. John's Regional Medical Center
Stanford Medical Center
Torrance Memorial Medical Center
Tri City Regional Medical Center
UC Davis Medical Center
UC Irvine Medical Center
UCLA Medical Center
UCSF Medical Center
USC University Hospital
ValleyCare Medical Center

Oxnard
Stanford
Torrance
Hawaiian Gardens
Sacramento
Orange
Los Angeles
San Francisco
Los Angeles
Pleasanton

COLORADO

North Colorado Medical Center
Poudre Valley Hospital
Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center
Rose Medical Center
Sky Ridge Medical Center
Swedish Medical Center

Greeley
Fort Collins
Denver
Denver
Lone Tree
Englewood

CONNECTICUT

Danbury Hospital
Hospital of Saint Raphael
Middlesex Hospital
Norwalk Hospital
St. Vincent's Medical Center
Yale-New Haven Hospital

Danbury
New Haven
Middletown
Norwalk
Bridgeport
New Haven

FLORIDA

Baptist Hospital
Cleveland Clinic Hospital
Hialeah Hospital
Memorial Hospital Jacksonville
Memorial Regional Hospital
Munroe Regional Medical Center
Northwest Medical Center
Ocala Regional Medical Center
Palmetto General Hospital
Palms of Pasadena Hospital
Sacred Heart Hospital
South Miami Hospital
Tampa General Hospital

Pensacola
Weston
Hialeah
Jacksonville
Hollywood
Ocala
Fort Lauderdale
Ocala
Hialeah
St. Petersburg
Pensacola
South Miami
Tampa

GEORGIA

Atlanta Medical Center
DeKalb Medical Center
Emory Johns Creek Hospital
Memorial Medical Center
Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Northside Hospital
Southeast Georgia Health System

Atlanta
Decatur
Duluth
Savannah
Gainesville
Atlanta
Brunswick

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IDAHO

Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center
 St. Luke's Regional Medical Center

Idaho Falls
 Boise

ILLINOIS

Little Company of Mary
 NorthShore University HealthSystem
 Northwestern Memorial Hospital
 Silver Cross Hospital
 University of Chicago Medical Center
 University of Illinois Medical Center

Evergreen Park
 Evanston
 Chicago
 Joliet
 Chicago
 Chicago

INDIANA

Clarian North Medical Center
 St. Francis Hospital
 St. Vincent Carmel

Indianapolis
 Beech Grove
 Carmel

IOWA

Genesis Health System
 Sartori Memorial Hospital
 University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics

Davenport
 Cedar Falls
 Iowa City

KANSAS

Shawnee Mission Medical Center
 University of Kansas Medical Center

Shawnee Mission
 Kansas City

KENTUCKY

Georgetown Community Hospital
 Kings Daughter Medical Center
 Norton Suburban Hospital
 St. Joseph East Lexington
 St. Luke Hospital West
 St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital

Georgetown
 Ashland
 Louisville
 Lexington
 Florence
 Louisville

LOUISIANA

Southwest Medical Center-Lafayette
 Women and Childrens Hospital

Lafayette
 Lake Charles

MAINE

Eastern Maine Medical Center
 Maine Medical Center (MMC Bariatric Program)

Bangor
 Portland

MARYLAND

Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical
 Sinai Hospital of Baltimore
 St. Agnes Hospital
 University of Maryland Medical Center

Baltimore
 Baltimore
 Baltimore
 Baltimore

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MASSACHUSETTS

Baystate Medical Center

Beth Israel Deaconess

Boston Medical Center

Brigham & Women's Hospital

Faulkner Hospital

Lahey Clinic

Lawrence Memorial Hospital

Massachusetts General Hospital

Newton-Wellesley Hospital

Winchester Hospital

Springfield

Boston

Boston

Boston

Boston

Burlington

Medford

Boston

Newton Lower Falls

Winchester

MICHIGAN

Borgess Medical Center

Harper University Hospital & Hutzel Women's Hospital

Henry Ford Hospital

Henry Ford Macomb Hospital – Warren Campus

Hurley Medical Center

Mercy Health Partners

Munson Medical Center

St. John Macomb Oakland Hospital

Spectrum Health Hospital – Blodgett Campus

William Beaumont Hospital – Royal Oak

Kalamazoo

Detroit

Detroit

Warren

Flint

Muskegon

Traverse City

Warren

Grand Rapids

Royal Oak

MINNESOTA

Abbott Northwestern Hospital

Cuyuna Regional Medical Center

Fairview Southdale Hospital

HealthEast St. Josephs Hospital

Hennepin County Medical Center

Mayo Clinic - St. Marys Hospital

Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital

St. Cloud Hospital

St. Joseph's Area Health Services

St. Mary's Medical Center

United Hospital

Unity Hospital

University of Minnesota Medical Center

Minneapolis

Crosby

Edina

St. Paul

Minneapolis

Rochester

St. Louis Park

St. Cloud

Park Rapids

Duluth

St. Paul

Fridley

Minneapolis

MISSOURI

DePaul Health Center

Des Peres Hospital

St. Alexius Hospital

University of Missouri (University Hospital)

Bridgeton

Saint Louis

Saint Louis

Columbia

NEBRASKA

Regional West Medical Center

St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center

Scotts Bluff

Lincoln

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NEVADA

Desert Springs Hospital Medical Center
 North Vista Hospital
 Renown Regional Medical Center

Las Vegas
 North Las Vegas
 Reno

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Catholic Medical Center

Manchester

NEW JERSEY

Atlanticare Regional Medical Center
 CentraState Medical Center

Atlantic
 Freehold

NEW YORK

Adirondack Medical Center
 Albany Medical Center
 Arnot Ogden Medical Center
 Auburn Memorial Hospital
 Bassett Healthcare
 Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center
 Buffalo General Hospital
 Ellis Hospital
 Lenox Hill Hospital
 North Shore University Hospital at Syosset Hospital
 NYU Hospital Center
 Sisters of Charity Hospital
 South Nassau Communities Hospital
 University Hospital (SUNY Upstate Medical University)

Saranac Lake
 Albany
 Elmira
 Auburn
 Cooperstown
 Brooklyn
 Buffalo
 Schenectady
 New York
 Syosset
 New York
 Buffalo
 Oceanside
 Syracuse

NORTH CAROLINA

Carolinas Medical Center Mercy
 Carolinas Medical Center Northeast
 Durham Regional Hospital
 First Health Moore Regional Hospital
 Frye Regional Medical Center
 New Hanover Regional Medical Center
 North Carolina Baptist Hospital
 Pitt County Memorial Hospital
 Presbyterian Hospital

Charlotte
 Concord
 Durham
 Pinehurst
 Hickory
 Wilmington
 Winston-Salem
 Greenville
 Charlotte

NORTH DAKOTA

Altru Health System
 Medcenter One
 MeritCare Hospital
 St. Alexius Medical Center

Grand Forks
 Bismarck
 Fargo
 Bismarck

OHIO

Cleveland Clinic
 Deaconess Hospital
 Good Samaritan Hospital
 Grandview Medical Center

Cleveland
 Cincinnati
 Cincinnati
 Dayton

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Jewish Hospital of Cincinnati	Cincinnati
Kettering Medical Center Sycamore	Miamisburg
Kettering Memorial Hospital	Dayton
Miami Valley Hospital	Dayton
Mount Carmel Health System West	Columbus
Ohio State University Hospital	Columbus
Riverside Methodist Hospital	Columbus
St. Joseph Health Center	Warren
St. Vincent Charity Hospital	Cleveland
Summa Health System	Akron
University Hospitals Case Medical Center	Cleveland

OKLAHOMA

Integris Baptist Medical Center	Oklahoma City
Norman Regional Hospital	Norman

OREGON

Bay Area Hospital	Coos Bay
Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital and Medical Center	Portland
OHSU Oregon Health Services	Portland
Rogue Valley Medical Center	Medford
Sacred Heart Medical Center	Springfield
St. Charles Medical Center	Bend

PENNSYLVANIA

Abington Memorial Hospital	Abington
Albert Einstein Medical Center	Philadelphia
Allegheny General Hospital	Pittsburgh
Geisinger Medical Center	Danville
Hamot Medical Center	Erie
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia
Lehigh Valley Hospital	Allentown
Magee Womens Hospital	Pittsburgh
Milton S. Hershey Medical Center	Hershey
Pennsylvania Hospital of the University of	Philadelphia
Pinnacle Health at Community General Osteopathic Hospital	Harrisburg
Reading Hospital & Medical Center (The)	West Reading
Sacred Heart Hospital	Allentown
Sewickley Valley Hospital	Sewickley
Temple University	Philadelphia
The Western Pennsylvania Hospital	Pittsburgh
UPMC St. Margaret	Pittsburgh
York Hospital	York

RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island Hospital	Providence
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SOUTH CAROLINA

Hillcrest Hospital	Simpsonville
Lexington Medical Center	West Columbia
Medical University Hospital Authority	Charleston

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Palmetto Baptist Medical Center
Spartanburg Regional Medical Center

Columbia
Spartanburg

SOUTH DAKOTA

Avera McKennan
Sanford Medical Center

Sioux Falls
Sioux Falls

TENNESSEE

Baptist Hospital Inc
Baptist Memorial Hospital Memphis
Blount Memorial Hospital
Centennial Medical Center
Johnson City Medical Center Hospital
Memorial Hospital
Middle Tennessee Medical Center
Parkwest Medical Center
Regional Medical Center of Memphis
St. Francis Hospital
Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Nashville
Memphis
Maryville
Nashville
Johnson City
Chattanooga
Murfreesboro
Knoxville
Memphis
Memphis
Nashville

TEXAS

Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano
Baylor University Medical Center
Del Sol Medical Center
Doctors Hospital
Houston Northwest Medical Center
Memorial Hermann Hospital
Mother Frances Hospital
TX Hlth Presbyterian Hosp Dallas
Providence Memorial Hospital
Rio Grande Regional Hospital
Scott and White Memorial Hospital
The Methodist Hospital
Trinity Medical Center
United Regional Health Care System
UT Southwestern Zale Lipshy Hospital
Wadley Regional Medical Center

Plano
Dallas
El Paso
Dallas
Houston
Houston
Tyler
Dallas
El Paso
McAllen
Temple
Houston
Carrollton
Wichita Falls
Dallas
Texarkana

UTAH

St. Mark's Hospital

Salt Lake City

VIRGINIA

Bon Secours St. Marys
Carilion Medical Center
Maryview Medical Center
Medical College of Virginia Hospital
Potomac Hospital
Sentara Careplex Hospital
Sentara Norfolk General Hospital
University of Virginia Medical Center

Richmond
Roanoke
Portsmouth
Richmond
Woodbridge
Hampton
Norfolk
Charlottesville

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WASHINGTON

Sacred Heart Medical Center
Southwest Washington Medical Center
St. Francis Hospital
Virginia Mason Hospital and Medical Center

Spokane
Vancouver
Federal Way
Seattle

WISCONSIN

Columbia St. Mary's Hospital Milwaukee, Inc. - Columbia Campus
Froedtert Hospital
Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center
Meriter Hospital, Inc.
Theda Clark Medical Center
University of Wisconsin Hospital
Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare

Milwaukee
Milwaukee
LaCrosse
Madison
Neenah
Madison
Brookfield

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