

Where to Go for Care

CARE OPTIONS

Knowing where to go can make a big difference in the cost of your care – especially when you use providers in your plan's network.

We make it easy to find in-network providers near you:

- Go to bcbstx.com and click **Find Care**
- For personalized search results, log in or register at bcbstx.com and search in **Blue Access for MembersSM**
- Call Customer Service at the number on your ID card

Doctor's Office or Student Health Center (if available)

Your own doctor's office may be the best place to go for nonemergency care, such as health exams, routine shots, colds, flu and minor injuries. When you're on campus, the Student Health Center is another option for this type of care. **Check with your Student Health Center for available services.**

Good for: health exams, shots, cough, sore throat

Average Wait: check with office

Cost: in network \$ out of network \$\$



Retail Health Clinic

When you can't get to your regular doctor, walk-in clinics—available in many retail stores—can be a lower-cost choice for care. Some may even see patients evenings, weekends and holidays.

Good for: headache, stomach ache, sinus pain

Average Wait: check with clinic

Cost: in network \$ out of network \$\$



Urgent Care Center

These centers offer non-emergency care when your doctor's office isn't open evenings, weekends or holidays. Some may offer online booking.

Good for: back pain, vomiting, animal bite, asthma

Average Wait: often less than ER

Cost: in network \$\$ out of network \$\$\$



Hospital ER

Any life-threatening or disabling health problem is a true emergency. You should go to the nearest ER or call 911.

Good for: chest pain, bleeding, broken bones

Average Wait: varies

Cost: \$\$\$\$



Know the Difference: Freestanding ER vs. Urgent Care Center

Freestanding ERs look a lot like urgent care centers, but may not be affiliated with an in-network hospital. That means you could end up with a hefty bill (or several bills). You might even be sent to a hospital ER for care! Here are ways to spot a freestanding ER:

1. Look for "Emergency" on the building exterior.
2. Check the hours. If it's open 24/7, it's a freestanding ER. Urgent care centers close at night.
3. Confirm it's not connected to a hospital.
4. Ask if it follows the copay, coinsurance and deductible payment model.

If you need emergency care, call 911 or seek help from any doctor or hospital immediately.

Note: Many health care providers offer telehealth appointments. Ask your preferred provider if they do and if it is appropriate for your condition(s).



Need help deciding where to go for care?

On hand 24 hours a day, seven days a week; bilingual nurses available.

Call the 24/7 Nurseline at **800-581-0393** for help identifying some options when you or a family member has a health problem or concern.

Members are strongly advised to search and verify the network status of any health care provider or facility before receiving care to avoid unexpected charges. Network participation may change, and it is the member's responsibility to review whether a provider is in network at the time of service.

Examples given for each care scenario are not intended as an exhaustive list. You may seek care and be treated for other conditions or illnesses other than those cited as examples.

Information provided in this flier is not intended as medical advice, nor meant to be a substitute for the individual medical judgment of a doctor or other health care professional. Please check with your doctor for individualized advice on the information provided. Coverage may vary depending on your specific benefit plan and use of network providers. For questions, please call the number on your member ID card.

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CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Gọi số 855-710-6984 (TTY: 711).



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300 E. Randolph St., 35th Floor
Chicago, IL 60601

Phone: 855-664-7270 (voicemail)
TTY/TDD: 855-661-6965
Fax: 855-661-6960

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U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services
200 Independence Avenue SW
Room 509F, HHH Building 1019
Washington, DC 20201

Phone: 800-368-1019
TTY/TDD: 800-537-7697
Complaint Portal: <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/smartscreen/main.jsf>
Complaint Forms: <https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/filing-a-complaint/complaint-process/index.html>

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