
BlueCard[®]

Your health coverage goes with you

Use BlueCard PPO when you're away from home

With BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina, you have access to independent doctors, hospitals and other providers who have contracted with Blue Cross and Blue Shield (BCBS) Plans. BCBS is one of the most trusted and respected names in the health care benefits industry.

With BlueCard PPO, you have medical coverage nationwide. BCBS plans throughout the country have established PPO networks of independently contracted doctors, hospitals and other health care providers. These extensive provider networks are the key to the BlueCard PPO program.

How BlueCard works outside your local plan service area

1. Refer to your ID card and call BlueCard Access at **800-810-BLUE (2583)** for information on the nearest PPO doctors and hospitals. In an emergency, go to the nearest hospital. Or visit the BlueCard National Doctor and Hospital Finder at www.bcbs.com.
3. You are responsible for calling BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina for precertification, when necessary. Refer to the precertification phone number on the back of your member ID card, as it differs from the BlueCard Access number.
4. When you arrive at the doctor's office or hospital, present your ID card. The doctor or hospital will verify your membership and coverage information.
5. After you receive medical attention, the provider routes your claim to your local plan for processing. Doctors and hospitals are paid directly, so you won't have any paperwork.
6. You should not have to pay up front for medical services, except for the usual out-of-pocket expenses (non-covered services, deductibles, copayment or coinsurance). BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina will provide you with an Explanation of Benefits (EOB).



**With BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina,
you can enjoy peace of mind, knowing you have access
to network providers when you travel.**

