

## BlueCard<sup>®</sup>: Care when you travel

Blue Elect Plus<sup>™</sup> POS and Blue Elect Plus HSA<sup>™</sup> POS

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## **Coverage that travels**

When you're a Blue Elect Plus POS or Blue Elect Plus HSA POS member, you're always covered for emergency care with BlueCard — across the country and around the world. Just show your member ID card.

Because some BCN plans pay only urgent and emergency services outside Michigan, check your coverage before receiving care. Refer to your *Certificate of Coverage* and related riders once you enroll in your plan. Or call Customer Service at the number on the back of your member ID card to understand how BlueCard coverage works.

## BlueCard nationwide access

If your plan includes BlueCard coverage, you'll see a suitcase icon on your plastic member ID card. The suitcase means you have additional travel coverage outside Michigan and within the U.S. BlueCard, a program through the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, gives you national access to BlueCard Traditional providers outside Michigan.

Other than the out-of-pocket expenses that your plan may require (deductible, copayments and coinsurance), you shouldn't have any up-front health care expenses if you use a BlueCard Traditional provider for health care services included in your plan's coverage.

Once you enroll, register your account at **bcbsm.com/register**. When you do, you can easily refer to your *Certificate of Coverage* and related riders for your benefit details when you travel. Or call the Customer Service number on the back of your member ID card.

## Pharmacy coverage when you travel

If your plan includes pharmacy coverage, your member ID card is accepted at thousands of pharmacies nationwide, including most major chains, that participate with Blue Cross plans.



See the table below for how to get the care you need when you're away from home. Talk with your primary care provider before traveling to address any health concerns.

| If you're traveling  | And you need   | Here's what you do   |
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| In your home state   | EMERGENCY CARE<br>Symptoms are severe enough<br>that someone with average health<br>knowledge believes immediate<br>medical attention is needed. | Call <b>911</b> or go to the nearest emergency room.   |
|  | URGENT CARE<br>Condition requires medical<br>evaluation within 48 hours.   | Go to the nearest urgent care center. To locate an urgent<br>care center: Visit bcbsm.com/find-a-doctor, and select<br>your BCN plan; use your online member account or our<br>mobile app; call Customer Service at 1-800-662-6667.  |
|  | NONURGENT CARE   | If you live in Michigan, call your primary care provider<br>to coordinate services that don't require immediate<br>attention. If you're enrolled with an address outside<br>Michigan, contact a BlueCard Traditional provider for<br>in-network benefits.  |
| In the United States<br>but outside the state<br>in which you live | EMERGENCY CARE   | Call <b>911</b> or go to the nearest emergency room.   |
|  | URGENT CARE  | Go to the nearest urgent care center. To locate an<br>urgent care center: Visit bcbsm.com/find-a-doctor,<br>and select your BCN plan; use your online member<br>account or our mobile app; call Customer Service or<br>call BlueCard at 1-800-810-BLUE (2583).   |
|  | ROUTINE CARE   | Call Customer Service at 1-800-662-6667 for<br>details about your health benefits and required<br>prior authorization. To locate a BlueCard Traditional<br>provider: Visit bcbsm.com/find-a-doctor, and select<br>your BCN plan; use your online member account or our<br>mobile app; call Customer Service, or call BlueCard at<br>1-800-810-BLUE (2583). |
|  | OTHER SERVICES<br>Such as: elective surgeries,<br>hospitalizations, mental health<br>and substance use disorder<br>services                      |  |
| Outside the<br>United States                                       | EMERGENCY CARE   | Go to the nearest emergency room. (You may be<br>required to pay for services and then seek BCN<br>reimbursement. Get an itemized bill and medical<br>records to speed reimbursement.)   |

The information provided here is for members with the BlueCard benefit who are traveling or temporarily located outside the state in which they live. Refer to your *Certificate of Coverage* and riders once you enroll in your plan to see your benefit coverage when you travel. Or, for details, call the BCN Customer Service number on the back of your member ID card.

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association is an association of independent, locally operated Blue Cross and Blue Shield companies.