

EXCLUSIVE PROVIDER ORGANIZATION QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE FOR PROVIDERS

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Our individual Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO) plans have unique coverage requirements and a narrower provider network than our other plans. Refer to this guide and the coverage details listed in Eligibility and Benefits when caring for patients with an EPO plan.

EPO Plan Overview

Member Locations

Individual EPO plans are available to residents within the Birmingham Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) that includes these counties:

Limited Provider Network

EPO plans use the Blue High Performance NetworkSM (BlueHPNSM), which is a limited provider network primarily restricted to the Birmingham MSA. Details about this network are available on our BlueHPN FAQ webpage.



Scan QR Code to view • the BlueHPN webpage



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Identifying Members with EPO Coverage

The EPO plan name and BlueHPN appear on members' Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama card.

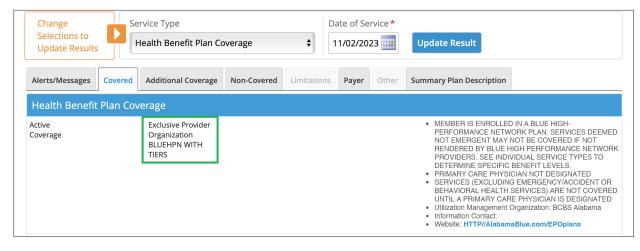




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You can also identify members of this network by checking eligibility and benefits.



Important Requirements for Individual EPO Plans

Coverage Restrictions

EPO plans **only have coverage for physicians and hospitals that have the BlueHPN designation**, excluding accidental injury/medical emergencies. Some hospitals in the Birmingham MSA are not designated as BlueHPN and are not covered under this plan.

Primary Care Designation

EPO plans require members to designate a primary care provider from the BlueHPN Primary Care Physician (PCP) – EPO Plan Network within the seven-county Birmingham MSA prior to receiving medical coverage.

Referrals Required

Electronic referrals are required from the designated PCP before services performed by other providers will be covered. Review our How to Submit, Review and Cancel Referrals guide for more information.



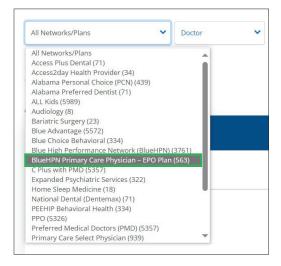
IMPORTANT: Providers should confirm their own BlueHPN status before accepting EPO plan patients and verify that any necessary referrals have been obtained prior to rendering services.

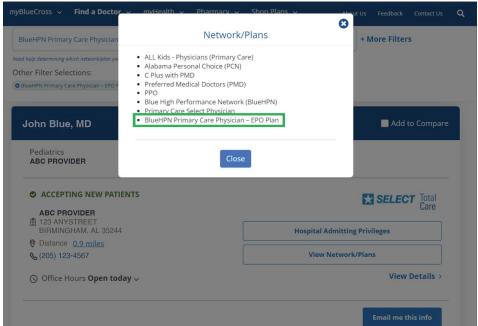
Identifying Providers and Hospitals in the BlueHPN

Review the list of BlueHPN providers and facilities on our BlueHPN Providers webpage. To check the BlueHPN status of a specific provider, use our Find a Doctor tool. You can select the BlueHPN Primary Care Physician – EPO Plan Network from the "All Networks/Plans" drop-down menu. **Note:** This online directory lists providers at their practice location(s). Providers may be listed multiple times in the directory for each of their separate locations; however, their BlueHPN designation will display only for their locations within the seven-county MSA. Confirm the BlueHPN status by reviewing a provider's specific location.



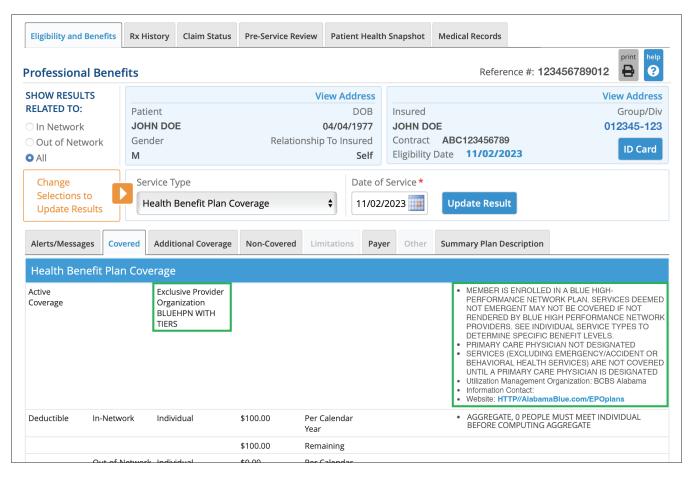


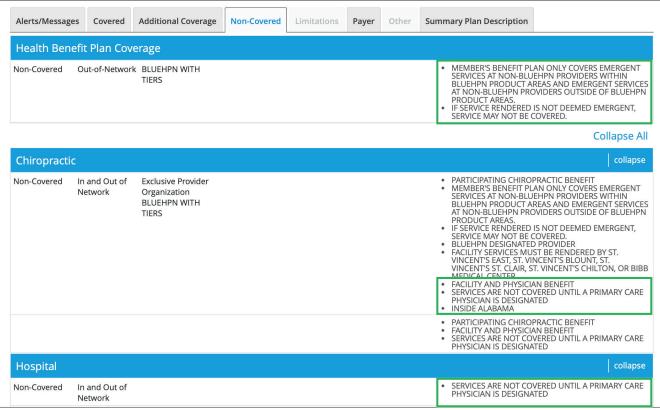




What You Will See in Eligibility and Benefits

No Primary Care Physician Designated: You will see active benefits for emergency, accident and OB-GYN services only. Other services are not covered until the PCP is designated. **Note:** Effective January 1, 2024, urgent care and behavioral health services (mental health and substance abuse) no longer require designations or referrals for coverage.





Primary Care Physician Designated: The message emphasizes the requirements for BlueHPN-designated providers and referrals.

