



# MINIMUM NETWORK REQUIREMENTS

Provider	Active State License	Accreditation (CMS Deemed Accrediting Body)	DEA and ACSC (ASCS for Alabama licensee only)	Additional Specialty Certification	Malpractice Insurance	CMS Cert (for Blue Advantage®)
MD and DO	Y		Y		Y	
CRNA/AA	Y			Y	Y	
Podiatrist	Y		Y		Y	
Optometrist	Y				Y	
Dentist	Y		Y		Y	
Chiropractor	Y				Y	
Nurse Practitioner	Y			Y	Y	
Certified Nurse Midwife	Y			Y	Y	
Physician's Assistant	Y				Y	
Physical Therapist	Y				Y	
Occupational Therapist	Y				Y	
Speech Language Pathologist	Y				Y	
Ambulatory Surgery Center	Y	Y*			Y	
Hospital	Y	Y*			Y	Y
Home Health	NA**	Y*			Y	Y
Hospice	Y	Y*			Y	Y
Dialysis	Y	Y*			Y	Y
SNF (Blue Advantage only)	Y	Y*			Y	Y
Ground Ambulance	Y				Y	

\*Unaccredited facilities may be considered on an exception basis if they have had a successful CMS or state quality review in the past three years and the review criteria meet Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama standards.

\*\* No license available in Alabama.

**Note:** An MD and DO who sees patients must have admitting privileges or a suitable network hospitalist agreement at a Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama participating hospital.

**Note:** Providers outside Alabama must be participating providers with the local Blue Cross Plan in order to be considered for participation with any Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama network.