

An Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association

MINIMUM NETWORK REQUIREMENTS

Provider	Active State License	Accreditation (CMS Deemed Accrediting Body)	DEA and ACSC with all schedules (ASCS for Alabama licensee only)	Additional Specialty Certification	Malpractice Insurance	CMS Cert (for Blue Advantage [®])	CLIA certificate higher than a Waiver
Ambulance	Y				Y	Y	
Ambulatory Surgery Center	Y	Y*			Υ		
Audiologist	Y				Y		
Certified Nurse Midwife	Y			Y	Y		
Chiropractor	Y				Y		
CRNA/AA	Y			Y	Y		
Dentist	Y		Y		Y		
Dialysis	Y	Y*			Y	Y	
Dietician	Y				Y		
Home Health	NA**	Y*			Y	Y	
Home Infusion	NA**	Y*			Y	Y	
Hospice	Y	Y*			Y	Y	
Hospital	Y	Y*			Y	Y	
Independent Labs	Y						Y
Licensed Registered Dietitian	Y				Y		
MD and DO	Y		Y		Y		
Nurse Practitioner	Y			Y	Y		
Occupational Therapist	Y				Y		
Optometrist	Y				Y		
Podiatrist	Y		Y		Y		
Physical Therapist	Y				Y		
Physician's Assistant	Y				Y		
SNF (Blue Advantage only)	Y	Y*			Y	Y	
Speech Language Pathologist	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.

Notes:

- 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.
- 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.
- According to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, plans are not allowed to contract directly with out-of-area providers residing outside of their service area. Providers living outside of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama service areas are not allowed to work remotely.
- Out-of-service area providers can provide telemedicine to patients located in Alabama, but they need to contract and submit claims to the Blue Plan where the provider is located. We cannot contract with providers located in another Blue Plan's service area.