



We offer individual Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO) Plans in Alabama that cover the Birmingham Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) and the entire state. These EPO plans have important distinctions and requirements for members and providers. Here are some notable differences:

Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO) Plans		
	Birmingham MSA	Statewide
<b>Plan Name Examples</b> <b>Note:</b> Not a comprehensive list.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Blue Saver® Silver EPO</li><li>Blue Standardized Silver EPO</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Blue Statewide Silver EPO</li><li>Blue Standardized Statewide Silver EPO</li></ul>
<b>Service Area Counties</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bibb</li><li>Blount</li><li>Chilton</li><li>Jefferson</li><li>Shelby</li><li>St. Clair</li><li>Walker</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All Alabama counties</li></ul>
Networks		
<b>Primary Care</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Blue High Performance Network® (BlueHPN®)</li></ul> <b>Note:</b> UAB Health Services Foundation PCPs are not in-network for BlueHPN.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Primary Care Select Physicians (PCSP)</li></ul>
<b>Specialists</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>BlueHPN</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Preferred Medical Doctors (PMD)</li></ul>
<b>Hospitals</b>	<p>Short-Term Acute Care Hospitals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>UAB St. Vincent's Birmingham</li><li>UAB St. Vincent's Blount</li><li>UAB St. Vincent's Chilton</li><li>UAB St. Vincent's East</li><li>UAB St. Vincent's St. Clair</li></ul> <p>Specialty Hospitals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Children's of Alabama</li><li>Fox Army Health Center</li><li>Lyster Army Health Clinic</li><li>UAB Callahan Eye Hospital</li><li>VA Medical Center – Birmingham</li><li>VA Medical Center – Montgomery/Tuskegee</li><li>VA Medical Center – Tuscaloosa</li></ul> <b>Note:</b> UAB Hospital is not an in-network BlueHPN hospital, except for transplant services when UAB is designated as a Blue Center of Distinction for a particular transplant modality.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Alabama hospitals <b>only</b></li></ul> <b>Note:</b> Out-of-state and out-of-network hospitals can only be used for accidental injuries or medical emergencies.
<b>Contiguous Counties Outside of Alabama</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Not applicable</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Out-of-state providers for services such as labs, DME, specialty drugs and home infusion process as in-network.</li><li>Select providers in contiguous counties are allowed to process in-network for services provided.</li><li><b>Planned hospital admissions are only allowed in Alabama hospitals.</b></li></ul>

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<b>FAQs</b>		
Is PCP designation required?	✓	✓
Is there coverage if a PCP is not designated?	✗	✗
Are electronic referrals to specialists required?	✓	✓
Are retroactive referrals allowed?	✗	✗
Is there out-of-network coverage for accidental injury and medical emergencies?	✓	✓
Is there out-of-state coverage for accidental injury and medical emergencies?	✓	✓

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