



BlueCross BlueShield of Montana



Open Access for Patients and Providers

Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO)SM is a national plan without network restrictions.

This retiree group plan offers members access to care from any providers nationwide who agree to see the member as a patient, accept Medicare assignment and will submit claims to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT).

You may treat Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO) members if you are a Medicare provider, regardless of your contract or network status with BCBSMT. That means you don't need to participate in BCBSMT Medicare Advantage networks or in any other BCBSMT networks. The only requirement is that you must accept Medicare assignment and will submit the claims to BCBSMT.

What You Need to Know about Open Access

- Members' coverage levels are the same inside and outside their plan service area nationwide for covered benefits.
- Referrals aren't required for office visits.
- Prior authorization may be required for certain services from Medicare Advantage-contracted providers with BCBSMT.
- **For reimbursement**, follow the instructions on the member's ID card and file claims with BCBSMT.
 - **Medicare Advantage-contracted providers** receive their contracted rate.
 - **Medicare providers who aren't contracted** for Medicare Advantage with any Blue Cross and Blue Shield (BCBS) plan receive the Medicare-allowed amount for covered services, less any member cost-share.*





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If you have questions about eligibility, prior authorization or claims, call **1-877-299-1008**. It's important to verify patient eligibility and benefits before every scheduled appointment.

We understand you can decide what patients you want to see, except in an emergency. If you agree to see a Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO) member but don't have a contract with any BCBS plan, you should still send BCBSMT the bill to meet your obligations as a provider under Medicare assignment, per Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regulations.

Member ID Card

Look for **Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO)** on the front.

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Name: SAMPLECARD ID: YDV123456789 Plan (80840): 9101000310	Office Visit: \$ Specialist: \$ Emergency Room: \$
RxBin: RXBIN RxPCN: RXPCN RxGrp: RX_GROUP RxID: RX_ID	Plan: Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO)
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For Providers: 1-877-299-1008 TTY: 711 Pharmacy Help Desk: 1-877-277-7898	For Members: Customer Service: 1-877-299-1008 TTY: 711 Nurse Advice Line: 1-800-631-7023
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File medical claims with your local plan

Medicare Limiting charges apply

PPO plans provided by Health Care Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal Reserve Company (HCSC), an Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. HCSC is a Medicare Advantage Organization with a Medicare contract.



Questions?

Contact us using [our guide](#). Learn more at bcbsmt.com/provider, including details about joining our network.



* Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO) members may be responsible for cost share for supplemental dental services from non-contracted Medicare providers. Out-of-network/non-contracted providers are under no obligation to treat Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO) members, except in emergency situations. Verification of eligibility and/or benefit information is not a guarantee of payment. Benefits will be determined once a claim is received and will be based upon, among other things, the member's eligibility, any claims received during the interim period and the terms of the member's certificate of coverage applicable on the date services were rendered. HMO and PPO plans provided by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana, a Division of Health Care Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal Reserve Company (HCSC), an Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. HMO plans available for employer/union groups only. HCSC is a Medicare Advantage organization with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in HCSC's plans depends on contract renewal.

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