NETWORK COMPARISON CHART

FEATURES	MINNESOTA				NATIONAL	
Network name	Aware®	Accord	Blue Performance	Blue Plus	BlueCard® & BlueCard PPO	Blue Distinction Centers®
Description	Open access network with unparalleled breadth and depth of network, advantageous discounts, network stability	PPO network with broad access, lower cost	A tiered network offering access to lower cost providers without sacrificing quality	HMO requiring members to select a PCP who coordinates all care	Enables members to obtain health care services while traveling or living anywhere across the United States	A designation awarded by Blue Cross and Blue Shield companies†† to hospitals that demonstrate expertise in delivering quality health care
Access	Statewide	Statewide	Statewide (Metro focused)	Statewide	N/A	N/A
Providers*	39,539	38,453	39,539	28,622	More than 80% of physicians nationwide	N/A
Hospitals	180	178	180	180	More than 90% of hospitals nationwide	More than 1,900 hospitals across 47 states and the District of Columbia
Primary benefit	Broadest statewide network	Broad statewide access, lower cost	Value without sacrificing quality (exclusive tiered networks)	Close patient/ physician relationship drives efficient use of specialty care	Nationwide access	Helps consumers find specialty care in facilities that have better outcomes; cost savings on transplant procedures
Network savings**	N/A	2.5% – 5.5%	6% – 11% 6.4% (Metro)	2%	N/A	N/A
Discount rates apply to OON utilization	No	Yes	No	Yes	N/A	N/A
Dual option requirement	No	No	No	No	N/A	N/A
BlueCard/ Blue Card PPO National network	X	X	X	X	N/A	N/A

*Number of individual practitioners at clinics
**Estimated savings when compared to the Aware network
†Note: Designation as Blue Distinction Centers means these facilities' overall experience and aggregate data met objective criteria established in collaboration with expert clinicians' and leading professional organizations' recommendations. Individual outcomes may vary. To find out which services are covered under your health plan at any facilities, please call Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota.
††Each Blue Cross and Blue Shield company is an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

MN

For the health of all.

Blue Cross® and Blue Shield® of Minnesota and Blue Plus® are nonprofit independent licensees of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association

Blue Performance Enhanced

Blue Performance is Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota's answer to demand for high performance networks. It offers the same choice in providers as the Aware network, but on a tiered platform that will provide additional savings to members and employers.

Tier 1

Key Providers:
Apple Valley Medical Center
CDI
Fairview Clinics
Family Health Service Minnesota
HealthPartners Clinics
Midwest Radiology
MN Gastro
MN Oncology
Multicare Associates
North Clinic
North Memorial Clinics
St. Croix Orthopedic
St. Paul Radiology
Stillwater Medical Group
Summit Orthopedic
Twin Cities Orthopedic

Key Hospitals
Amplatz Children's Hospital
Fairview Lakes Hospital
Fairview Northland Hospital
Fairview Ridges Hospital
Fairview Southdale Hospital
Lakeview Hospital
Maple Grove Hospital
North Memorial Hospital
Regions Hospital
University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview

Tier 2

Key Providers:
Allina Medical Clinics
Aspen Medical Group
Centracare Clinics
Essentia Health Clinics
HealthEast Clinics
Hennepin Faculty Associates
Mayo Clinics
Park Nicollet Clinics
Sanford Clinics
St. Cloud Hospital Clinic
University of Minnesota Physicians
Children's Clinics

Key Hospitals
Abbott Northwestern Hospital
Bethesda Hospital
Children's Hospitals
Essentia Health – Duluth
Essentia Health – St. Mary's
Mayo Clinic Rochester Methodist Hospital
Mayo Clinic St. Mary's Hospital
Methodist Hospital
Mercy Hospital
Sanford Hospitals
St. Cloud Hospital
St. Francis Regional Medical Center
St. John's Hospital
St. Joseph's Hospital
United Hospital
Unity Hospital
Woodwinds Hospital

Tier 3

Out of Network

Provider listings are not all-inclusive

C2429 (10/11)