
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota is making changes to the group networks

Effective 1/1/21, Allina and Children's Hospitals and Clinics will be in the BCBSMN small and large group Aware and High Value Networks. HealthPartners Health System and Park Nicollet will no longer be included in the High Value Network but will continue to be included in the Aware Network. These changes are effective for all small and large groups and members on 1/1/21 regardless of their 2021 renewal date. On a one time exception basis, all affected groups with effective dates between 2/1/20 and 7/1/20 will be offered a Special Enrollment Period beginning in early October. At that time groups that only offer a plan with the High Value Network may elect to offer the corresponding Aware Network plan to their employees. Employees may choose to enroll in the Aware Network plan or remain on their High Value Network plan. For groups that currently offer dual choice including an Aware and High Value Network plan, their employees can choose to enroll in the Aware plan or remain on the High Value plan.

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NETWORK UPDATE

2021 HIGH VALUE NETWORK CARE SYSTEMS



Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota's High Value Network (HVN) is a statewide performance network comprised of providers who deliver the best quality care at the lowest cost. HVN serves as the basis for the national Blue High Performance Network (HPN), and is our fastest growing network in terms of membership volume.

Effective 1/1/2021, Allina and Children's will be included in the commercial HVN. HealthPartners and Park Nicollet will no longer be part of the commercial HVN.

HealthPartners and Park Nicollet will continue to be included in Blue Cross' Medicare HVN and in Aware open-access network in 2021.

Blue Cross' goal is to refresh the performance networks every two years without major care system changes. If we feel like a provider is trending toward not being able to meet criteria, we will work with them on performance to try to keep them in network.

Groups that purchase a performance network are purchasing the value of a performance network; the care systems that produce that value might change.

NOTE: In the Individual market, High Value Network is referred to as Minnesota Value Network. The corresponding product is called Minnesota Value.

FAQs

Q: Why the change in HVN providers?

HVN is a performance network. Inclusion in the network is determined by cost and quality performance criteria. Those criteria align with the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (BCBSA) criteria for the national Blue High Performance Network (HPN).

The other major care systems in HVN – CentraCare, M Health Fairview, St Luke's, Sanford – remain the same in 2020 and 2021.

Q: How will the changes impact access and affordability?

The addition of Allina to HVN improves member access to care in the 11 county metro area and in south central MN. Allina is one of the largest provider networks in the state. The addition of Children's to HVN increases member access to excellent pediatric care.

By including the care systems with the best quality care and the best cost-of-care, HVN can maintain the best possible premiums.

Q: When will Provider Finder be updated?

Provider Finder at bluecrossmnonline.com was updated in Spring 2020 to indicate network status as of 1/1/21.

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