

In order to be covered by the Preferred Provider Organization (PPO), hip and knee replacements and certain inpatient spine surgeries **MUST** be performed at an Anthem Blue Cross Blue Distinction + Center.

# Blue Distinction+ for hip, knee and spine

## Quality of care

For particular surgeries, some hospitals deliver better outcomes than others. Hospitals meeting the requirements for the Blue Distinction+ (BD+) designation outperform their peers in the areas that impact patient health care the most – quality, safety and efficiency. BD+ Centers meet affordability criteria and deliver better results – **including fewer complications and readmissions – than other hospitals.**

For a specific list of hip, knee and spine procedures that are part of the program, please call Anthem Customer Service at **1-800-234-4333**.

## Finding a Blue Distinction+ designated hospital

It's easy to find Blue Distinction Centers for Specialized Care:

1. Log in to [anthem.com/ca](http://anthem.com/ca).
2. Choose **Menu**.
3. Under **Care** select **Find a Doctor**.
4. Choose **Continue as Guest**.
5. Complete the questions shown to the right and hit **Continue**.
6. Choose from the drop down that you want to search "Hospitals and Facilities", then Select "All Specialties" and include the City, State and ZIP code (for better results, set your search radius to 50 miles).
7. Then choose **Recognition/Awards** shown on the screen below and select **Knee & Hip Replacement or Spine Surgery**, to search for Blue Distinction Center+ facilities.

### Find a Doctor [Encontrar un doctor](#)

To find a doctor or hospital, first tell us about yourself and we'll help you find the right plan and network to search.

**How do you get insurance?**  
 Through my employer

**What state do you want to search in?**  
 California

**What type of care are you searching for?**  
 Medical

Providers for Behavioral Health & Substance Use Disorder Services are listed under Medical Care.

**Select a plan/network**  
 Blue Cross PPO (Prudent Buyer) - Large Group

[Cancel](#) [Continue](#)

**Specialty**

**Additional Options**

**Recognition/Awards**

- Blue Distinction Total Care
- Enhanced Personal/Health Care

Blue Distinction Centers  
Expertise in delivering specialty care

[Bariatric Surgery](#)

[Cardiac Care Centers](#)

[Complex & Rare Cancers](#)

[Knee & Hip Replacement](#)

[Maternity Care](#)

[Spine Surgery](#)

[Transplants](#)

For more options:  
[Return to Search](#)

**Blue Distinction Center**  
Transplants

**Other Certifications**



**KECK HOSPITAL OF USC**

Specialty: Acute Care Hospital

Compare

**CHILDRENS HOSPITAL LOS ANGELES**

Specialty: Acute Care Hospital

Distance: 4.0 miles away  
4650 W SUNSET BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90027, Los Angeles

Compare

**GLENDALE ADVENTIST MEDICAL CENTER**

Specialty: Substance Abuse-Inpatient, Acute Care Hospital, Outpatient Psychiatric

Distance: 6.7 miles away  
1509 WILSON TER, GLENDALE, CA 91206, Los Angeles

Compare

**HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

Specialty: Acute Care Hospital, Inpatient Psychiatric

Distance: 7.8 miles away  
100 W CALIFORNIA BLVD

Quality Snapshots

See All Provider Awards Certification

Hospital Inpatient



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- You may also find the Blue Distinction designations on the Provider Details page – simply select the provider name and choose the “Quality Snapshot.”

The screenshot displays the 'Find a Doctor Results' interface. On the left, a map shows the Los Angeles area with several location markers. Below the map, the 'Refine Results' section indicates a search radius of 'Within 50 miles of 91362' and includes a distance scale from 5 to 100 miles. A 'Specialty' filter is also visible. The main results area shows a 'CARE PROVIDER' card for 'NORTHRIDGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER', which is an 'Acute Care Hospital' located 18.5 miles away at 18300 Roscoe Blvd, Northridge, CA 91325. A 'Quality Snapshot' button is present on the provider card. A separate 'Quality Snapshot' panel on the right lists 'Blue Recognition and Awards' for the provider, including 'Blue Distinction+ Center+ Knee/Hip', 'Blue Distinction+ Center Cardiac', and 'Blue Distinction+ Center Maternity'. A 'Hospital In-Network' status is also indicated with a green checkmark.

If you need help finding a surgeon who practices at a Blue Distinction+ hospital, you may want to ask your primary care doctor or orthopedic specialist to assist you. There is also often an Orthopedic Program Director at each Blue Distinction+ hospital who can assist you with finding surgeons that are part of their program, as well as provide you detailed information about what their program offers.

### Travel Assistance

If there is no Blue Distinction+ center within 50 miles from where you live, a travel benefit is available to you. It pays for travel for the patient and a companion. It also includes a concierge service that coordinates with both the patient and the medical providers. Anthem Customer Service can connect you with Health Base to access the CVT Travel Benefit. A representative at Health Base will help with travel and appointments including medical record collection and transfer.

**If you have any questions, you can call Anthem Customer Service at 1-800-234-4333.**

