



BLUE PREMIER

CHANGING THE WAY WE PAY FOR CARE

Transforming health care to make it better, simpler and more affordable means changing the way it's paid for. That's why in 2019, Blue Cross NC launched Blue Premier, one of the most rapid and comprehensive shifts to value-based payments by any health plan.

What sets Blue Premier apart is its support of primary care and its focus on sharing risk with providers for improving outcomes, quality and affordability. More North Carolina providers are joining this effort—including Mission Health in Asheville, the latest health system to collaborate with Blue Cross NC.



How Blue Premier works:

- Establishes shared savings between providers and Blue Cross NC
- Builds toward two-sided risk, holding providers financially accountable
- Includes primary care accountable care organizations (ACOs)
- Brings specialty care into value-based care
- Integrates physical health and behavioral health



How Blue Premier helps members and providers:

- Encourages better health outcomes and lower costs
- Achieves the best quality in a simplified way
- Reduces administrative burden for providers
- Improves collaboration between providers and Blue Cross NC
- Provides timely, accurate and actionable data and analytics

EXPANSION ACROSS THE STATE

The growing Blue Premier network now includes:

8 OUT OF 10

8 of the state's 10 largest health systems

870

870 independent primary care practices



65% of Blue Cross NC's total annual spending on hospital care

LEADING THE WAY IN AFFORDABILITY AND QUALITY

Blue Premier's industry-leading program has:

536,000 MEMBERS IN ACOs

Served more than a half-million members in primary care ACOs that have met goals for high-quality, cost-effective care

52% OF ELIGIBLE MEMBERS

Helped Blue Cross NC achieve goal of having at least 50% of eligible members served by providers in value-based agreements

ACCELERATING CHANGE WITH PHYSICIANS

Even as we continue to put primary care at the center of value transformation, we have now added two specialty care programs to Blue Premier to accelerate quality improvements and cost reductions:



Primary Care

Supporting primary care through ACOs that coordinate care and put the doctor at the center of the team, helping ensure the right care at the right place and time.



Behavioral Health

Introducing innovation into behavioral health care in NC by integrating behavioral health and physical health care, optimizing the behavioral health network, and implementing best-in-class solutions for treatment of substance use disorders.



Kidney Care

Providing comprehensive member care management and enhancing care coordination among primary care, nephrology and other specialties to improve health quality and outcomes for members who have advanced kidney disease.

North Carolina can't wait any longer for better, more affordable health care. Blue Cross NC and our provider partners are leading the way in transforming our health care system.

