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# Access+ HMO plan highlights

## For plan details, visit blueshieldca.com/gusd.

With the Access+ HMO plan\*, you pay a copayment for most covered services like doctor visits, urgent care and emergency care. Your primary care physician (PCP) coordinates all your care as well as refers you to specialists and hospitals within their medical group/Independent Practice Association (IPA).

When you enroll in the HMO plan for the first time, you must choose a PCP for yourself and your covered dependents. Each member of your family can choose a different physician and medical group/IPA.

### Plan features

**Coverage for students or families living apart** – The Away From Home Care\* program offers students, long-term travelers, workers on long-distance assignments and families living apart access to health care from Blue Shield and Blue Cross plans across the country. The program is available in 29 states and the District of Columbia, but availability varies by county within each state. HMO benefits vary by state.

**Coverage while traveling** – You are covered for emergency and urgent care services across the United States and around the world through the BlueCard\* and Blue Shield Global Core programs.

**Chiropractic and acupuncture services** – Visit any participating chiropractor or acupuncturist in the American Specialty Health Plans of California, Inc. (ASH) provider network without a referral from your PCP.

**Mental health and substance use disorder care** – You have access to inpatient and outpatient care for issues such as depression, alcohol/substance use disorder and mental illness. You can access these services through Blue Shield's mental health service administrator (MHSA) provider network.

**Preventive care** – You have access to services defined as routine preventive care. You do not have to pay a copayment or meet the plan's deductible for these services. Visit **blueshieldca.com/preventive** to learn more.

**Shield Concierge** – Get support managing your health needs for a wide range of conditions from a team specially trained on the specific health benefits and programs available to you. You'll also receive personalized service for everything from finding a doctor to understanding benefits and claims.

**Specialty care\*** – Access+ *Specialists* makes it easy to self-refer to a specialist within your medical group or IPA for a consultation.

**Urgent care** – For non-emergencies, you can receive care at an urgent care center that's affiliated with your doctor's medical group or IPA. Your cost will usually be lower than the cost for a hospital emergency room visit.

**Teladoc** – You have access to board-certified doctors and licensed mental health professionals with Teladoc's phone and online video appointments.

# Find your doctor

Go to **blueshieldca.com/networkhmo** and select the provider you are looking for. Enter your location, then click Continue.

You may need your selected PCP's ID number when you enroll in the plan for the first time. To find this number, click on the doctor's name and then select *View details* under "Primary Care Physician ID."

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<sup>\*</sup> To use this option, members must select a PCP who is affiliated with a medical group or IPA that is an Access+ provider group, which offers the Access+ Specialist feature. Members should then select a specialist within that medical group or IPA. Access+ Specialist visits for mental health services must be provided by a participating mental health service administrator (MHSA) network provider. For ongoing care from a specialist, you'll need to get a referral from your PCP.

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# Programs and services

The following programs and services are offered with the plan(s) described in this document.

**ID protection** – Protecting your financial well-being is as important as protecting your health. This is why we offer identity protection services. These include credit monitoring, identity repair assistance and identity theft insurance.

**LifeReferrals 24/7**sm – Experienced professionals are ready to help you with personal, family and work issues at any time.

NurseHelp 24/7sm - Registered nurses are available to answer your health questions at any time.

**Maternity Program** – This program is designed to give you and your partner digital and virtual support for your pregnancy and postpartum needs.

**Shield Support** – Get support managing your health needs for conditions such as diabetes, depression, chronic pain, cancer and others. Services include personalized health coaching, care plan development, provider coordination and more.

**Wellness discount programs** – Get help saving money and living healthier with a wide range of discount programs\* including fitness club memberships; acupuncture, chiropractic services and therapeutic massage; and eye exams, frames, contact lenses and LASIK surgery. Learn more at **blueshieldca.com/wellnessdiscounts**.

**Wellvolution**\* – Achieve your health goals with Wellvolution, our digital platform for health and well-being. Wellvolution offers over 50 tested apps and programs to help you exercise more, eat healthier, reduce stress and more. Two popular mental health apps, Headspace and Ginger, are now available. Visit **wellvolution.com** to learn more.

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Some services offered through the discount program may already be included as part of the Blue Shield plan covered benefits. Members or self-insured plan participants should access those covered services prior to using the discount program.

Members or self-insured plan participants who are not satisfied with products or services received from the discount program may use the grievance process described in their Evidence of Coverage, Disclosure Form, Evidence of Coverage and Disclosure Form, Benefit Booklet or Certificate of Insurance/Policy. Blue Shield reserves the right to terminate this program at any time without notice.

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<sup>\*</sup> These discount program services are not a covered benefit of your Blue Shield of California, Blue Shield of California Life & Health Insurance Company or self-insured health plan, and none of the terms or conditions of the Blue Shield, Blue Shield Life or self-insured health plan apply.