





are 2 different companies

Blue plans across the U.S.

States regulate health insurance and Blue plans operate on a state level.



Which means: different states = different companies.

Some states have more than one Blue plan, like California.

#### California Blues

# Blue Shield of California

# Anthem Blue Cross

## Nonprofit plan

whose mission is to provide Californians with access to quality, affordable healthcare.

## For-profit plan

affiliated with Anthem, Inc., whose vision is to be America's valued health partner.

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#### Each plan

has distinct provider networks, but some providers may be contracted with both.

### **Both plans**

allow members to receive benefits from a Blue plan in another state through the BlueCard® Program.

### **Both plans**

belong to the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association.

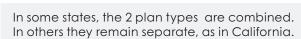
### Did you know?

The Blue Cross Blue Shield Association is a national federation of independent, locally operated Blue Cross and Blue Shield companies.

**Blue Shield** is formed by physicians. **Blue Cross** is formed by hospitals.

Associations from both plan types are combined.

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The Blue Cross Blue Shield Association is formed.

1982

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