



NEED HELP?

There are different ways you can use the search tools on this page to find a participating provider:

- **Search by Primary Care Physician or Specialist**

Primary care providers

A primary care provider is someone who gives preventive care and treats illnesses and disease. Your primary care provider should know most of your health problems and works with you to address each issue. The primary care provider also coordinates care with other providers who may be treating you, like a surgeon, physical therapist or home care nurse. Primary care providers are usually family practice, internal medicine or child (pediatric) providers. Sometimes other medical specialists will serve as a patients' primary care provider, such as an obstetrics/gynecology doctor.

Specialists

Specialists get advanced training in one or more specialty areas. Some examples of specialists include:

- Allergy doctor (allergist)
- Cardiologist (heart doctor)
- Heart and blood vessel (cardiovascular) surgeon
- Dermatologist (skin doctor)
- Pediatrician (children's doctor)
- Psychiatrist (mental health doctor)

Some doctors further train in a subspecialty area, such as pain management, sports medicine or interventional cardiology. Doctors may apply for board certification in their specialty field. This is when a medical specialty organization awards certification to providers who meet educational and training standards and pass a written or oral exam. The American Medical Association (AMA) and the American Board of Medical Specialties recognize 24 specialty boards that award certification as valid.

- **Search by Specialty:** select the desired area of medicine from the drop down menu underneath Primary Care Physician or Specialist
- **Search by Location:** Choose the county, city and state or zip code that your provider practices in. The option is also available to choose physicians within a certain mile radius to the city and state or zip code that you selected

Additional Search Criteria

Once you have selected your criteria, as outlined above, for finding a provider you can narrow your search by using the following options:

- **Are you looking for a provider or a facility?** A provider is a doctor or practitioner (generally an individual) who will be performing your care. A facility is a place where your services will be performed. Examples of facilities include hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers and rehabilitation facilities.
- **Search by Name:** Fill in the first and/or last name of the physician or practitioner that you are searching for or provide the name of the hospital or medical group in the Name field. Do not type "doctor" or "Dr." in the search box.
- **Hospital Affiliation:** Find providers who care for their patients out of a particular hospital by selecting the name of the participating hospital from the dropdown menu.
- **Medical Group:** Enter the name of the medical group that you are looking for participating providers in. These groups are generally comprised of doctors with the same or similar specialties

Other Options

Provider Searches can be narrowed down even further by selecting a specific **language** (outside of English) or the **gender** of the doctor that you are looking for. Additionally, providers can be searched on whether or not they are **accepting new patients**. If a provider is accepting new patients it means that the provider is willing to see new patients in his/her practice.

Is Your Doctor Board Certified

Board Certification is a medical specialty certification that shows that the provider received recognition for his/her expertise in a particular specialty or subspecialty of medical practice, achieved through a voluntary and rigorous process of testing and peer evaluation. Recertification is required to maintain the recognition.

This certification is verified through the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) Member Boards. Confirmation of certification can be obtained by:

- AOA – American Osteopathic Association – Providers with title of DO can be certified thru this website or ABMS website <http://www.osteopathic.org>
- AMA American Medical Association <https://apps.ama-assn.org/doctorfinder/html/patient.jsp>
- Podiatry - <https://www.abfas.org/Pages/Resources/FindADoctor.aspx>
- Check Online at the American Board of Medical Specialties website, www.certificationmatters.org
- Call the American Board of Medical Specialties, toll-free, at 1-866-ASK-ABMS (1-866-275-2267)

Contact an ABMS Member Board to request written verification of the Board Certification in the doctor's specialty.