



# Cardiac care you can count on.

Better care starts here.

When you or a family member needs cardiac care, there often isn't time to research the best hospitals to get it. And it's a common problem.

By 2030, more than 40 percent of Americans will have a form of cardiovascular disease, the American Heart Association predicts. The diseases claim more than 610,000 lives across the U.S. each year.

To help members find hospitals that provide high-quality cardiac care, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network join Blue plans across the country in designating Blue Distinction Centers and Blue Distinction Centers+ for Cardiac Care.

Hospitals that earn this designation show expertise in:

- Cardiac valve surgery
- Coronary artery bypass graft
- Percutaneous coronary interventions like angioplasties

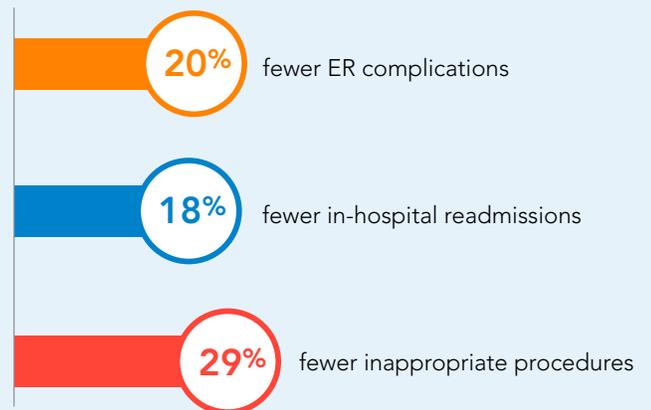
Facilities also must be nationally accredited and include on-site an intensive care unit, emergency room with 24/7 emergency doctor coverage, diagnostic radiology and a 24-hour hospital pharmacy and blood bank.

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association evaluates new applicants and existing centers regularly against current clinical guidelines and quality of care measures.

The national Blue Distinction Specialty Care program helps you find health care facilities that provide high-quality care in certain specialties. These hospitals have a proven history of delivering care in this specialty with better results than other facilities. Those designated as Blue Distinction Centers+ are also recognized for their cost-efficiency.

The Blue Distinction Specialty Care program has helped patients face their specialty care procedures with confidence since 2006.

## Blue Distinction Centers and Blue Distinction Centers+ for Cardiac Care show better results for patients, including:



Welcome to Blue Distinction<sup>®</sup> Specialty Care.



## Find a Blue Distinction Center near you

You'll find Blue Distinction Centers and Blue Distinction Centers+ in 48 states and the District of Columbia.

- Go to **bcbsm.com** and log in to your member account, if you have one. If you don't, click on *Register now*.
- After logging in, click on *Find a doctor* under the *Doctors and Hospitals* tab.
- Scroll down, and click on the *Find care* link.
- Type "hospital" in the search field, and press Enter.
- Select a procedure type from the Blue Distinction list on the left side of the screen.
- Choose the hospital or facility that's right for you.

