

In order to be covered by the Preferred Provider Organization (PPO), hip and knee replacements and certain inpatient spine surgeries **MUST** be performed at an Anthem Blue Cross Blue Distinction + Center.

Blue Distinction+ for hip, knee and spine

Quality of care

For particular surgeries, some hospitals deliver better outcomes than others. Hospitals meeting the requirements for the Blue Distinction+ (BD+) designation outperform their peers in the areas that impact patient health care the most — quality, safety and efficiency. BD+ Centers meet affordability criteria and deliver better results — **including fewer complications and readmissions — than other hospitals.**

For a specific list of hip, knee and spine procedures that are part of the program, please call Anthem Customer Service at **1-800-234-4333**.

Finding a Blue Distinction+ designated hospital

It's easy to find Blue Distinction Centers for Specialized Care:

1. Log in to anthem.com/ca.
2. Choose **Menu**.
3. Under **Care** select **Find a Doctor**.
4. Choose **Continue as Guest**.
5. Complete the questions shown to the right and hit **Continue**.
6. Choose from the drop down that you want to search "Hospitals and Facilities", then Select "All Specialties" and include the City, State and ZIP code (for better results, set your search radius to 50 miles).
7. Then choose **Recognition/Awards** shown on the screen below and select **Knee & Hip Replacement** or **Spine Surgery**, to search for Blue Distinction Center+ facilities.

Find a Doctor [Encontrar un doctor](#)

To find a doctor or hospital, first tell us about yourself and we'll help you find the right plan and network to search.

How do you get insurance?

Through my employer

What state do you want to search in?

California

What type of care are you searching for?

Medical

Providers for Behavioral Health & Substance Use Disorder Services are listed under Medical Care.

Select a plan/network

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Cancel

Continue

Specialty

Additional Options

Recognition/Awards

☐ Blue Distinction Total Care

☐ Enhanced PersonalHealth Care

Blue Distinction Centers
Expertise in delivering specialty care

[Bariatric Surgery](#)

[Cardiac Care Centers](#)

[Complex & Rare Cancers](#)

[Knee & Hip Replacement](#)

[Maternity Care](#)

[Spine Surgery](#)


[Transplants](#)

For more options:

Return to Search

Blue Distinction+ Center
Transplants

Other Certifications



KECK HOSPITAL OF USC

Specialty: Acute Care Hospital

☐ Compare

CHILDRENS HOSPITAL LOS ANGELES

Specialty: Acute Care Hospital

Distance: 4.0 miles away
4650 W SUNSET BLVD,
LOS ANGELES, CA 90027, Los Angeles
Driving distance & directions
Telephone: 323.660.2450

☐ Compare

GLENDALE ADVENTIST MEDICAL CENTER

Specialty: Substance Abuse-Inpatient, Acute Care Hospital, Outpatient Psychiatric

Distance: 6.7 miles away
1509 WILSON TER,
GLENDALE, CA 91206, Los Angeles
Driving distance & directions
Telephone: 818.409.8027

☐ Compare

HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Specialty: Acute Care Hospital, Inpatient Psychiatric

Distance: 7.8 miles away
100 W CALIFORNIA BLVD

☐ Compare



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8. You may also find the Blue Distinction designations on the Provider Details page — simply select the provider name and choose the “Quality Snapshot.”

The screenshot displays the 'Find a Doctor Results' interface. On the left, a map of the Los Angeles area shows several numbered location pins. Below the map, the 'Refine Results' section includes a distance filter set to 'Within 50 miles of 91362' and a 'Specialty' dropdown menu. The main results area shows a list of providers, with 'NORTHIDGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER' highlighted. To the right of the provider name, a 'Quality Snapshot' panel is visible, listing 'Blue Distinction' awards for 'Knee/Hip', 'Cardiac', and 'Maternity'. Below the provider name, details for 'NORTHIDGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER' are shown, including its specialty as 'Acute Care Hospital', distance of '18.5 miles away', and address '18300 ROSCOE BLVD, NORTHIDGE, CA 91325, Los Angeles'. A 'Compare' checkbox is also present. On the right side of the provider details, there are links for 'Quality Snapshot', 'See All Provider Awards Certifications', and a 'Hospital In-Network' status indicator.

If you need help finding a surgeon who practices at a Blue Distinction+ hospital, you may want to ask your primary care doctor or orthopedic specialist to assist you. There is also often an Orthopedic Program Director at each Blue Distinction+ hospital who can assist you with finding surgeons that are part of their program, as well as provide you detailed information about what their program offers.

Travel Assistance

If there is no Blue Distinction+ center within 50 miles from where you live, a travel benefit is available to you. It pays for travel for the patient and a companion. It also includes a concierge service that coordinates with both the patient and the medical providers. Anthem Customer Service can connect you with Health Base to access the CVT Travel Benefit. A representative at Health Base will help with travel and appointments including medical record collection and transfer.

If you have any questions, you can call Anthem Customer Service at 1-800-234-4333.

