



Access+ *Specialist* benefits

for HMO plan members

Blue Shield of California's Access+ *Specialist* program offers convenience when HMO plan members want to see a specialist without a referral.* HMO members can refer themselves to a specialist in the same medical group for a fixed copayment or coinsurance.

Access+ *Specialist* visits

Your Access+ *Specialist* visit can typically include examinations and other consultations as well as conventional X-rays and laboratory services.

For information about Access+ *Specialist* visits for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, please see the Mental Health and Substance Abuse section of your plan's *Evidence of Coverage* for details.

Check your card!

As a Blue Shield of California HMO plan member, your Blue Shield member ID card will have an "A+" next to your Personal Physician's medical group or Independent Physicians Association (IPA) if it offers the Access+ *Specialist* option.

We can help you verify if your Personal Physician's medical group or IPA participates in Access+ *Specialist* or find a new Personal Physician who belongs to a participating medical group or IPA. Just call us at the number on your member ID card. You can locate providers online via our website at blueshieldca.com/fap.

* This benefit is for a first specialist visit only. Subsequent visits will require a referral.