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## **Personalized Match Phase 1**

Please note, this communication applies to Healthy Blue + Medicare<sup>SM</sup> (HMO D-SNP) offered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (Blue Cross NC).

Find Care, the doctor finder and transparency tool in the Blue Cross NC online directory, provides Blue Cross NC members with the ability to search for in-network providers using the secure member website. This tool currently offers multiple sorting options, such as sorting providers based on distance, alphabetical order, and provider name.

Beginning in the second quarter of 2024 or later, an additional sorting option will be available for our Medicare Advantage members to search by provider performance called Personalized Match Phase 1. This sorting option is based on provider efficiency and quality outcomes, alongside member search radius. Providers with the highest overall ranking within the member's search radius will be displayed first. Members will continue to have the ability to sort based on distance, alphabetical order, and provider name:

- If you have general questions regarding this new sorting option, please submit an inquiry via the web at **Availity**.
- If you would like information about your quality or efficiency scoring used as part of this sorting option or if you would like to request reconsideration of those scores, you may do so by submitting an inquiry to Availity.

Blue Cross NC has expanded the scope of Personalized Match Phase 1 to include selected specialty providers and will continue to focus and expand our consumer tools and content to assist members in making more informed and personalized healthcare decisions.

Note: Availity, LLC is an independent company providing administrative support services for Healthy Blue + Medicare providers on behalf of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina.

## https://www.bluecrossnc.com/providers/blue-medicare-providers/healthy-blue-medicare

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