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# **DID YOU KNOW?** Reminder on how to use the online provider directory (OPD)

Our online provider directory makes searching for an innetwork doctor, hospital or health care facility easy. With just a few clicks, you can find the information you need.

To locate in-state and out-of-state providers, go to www.floridablue.com and follow these simple steps:



## Locating an in-state provider:

Click "Find a Doctor"

Select a plan that the member is planning to enroll in or is currently enrolled in from the dropdown menu.

Then click "Continue".



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**Note**: For a Dental specialist where it states "**Specialty**," select Dentist General or Dentist Pediatric (for routine dental benefits) or select Dentist Periodontics, Orthodontics or Prosthodontics (for dentist that performs specialized services)

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**Note**: When the search results show up, look for the member's plan name in the "Plans Accepted" column (BlueSelect, BlueCare, and BlueOptions). If the member's plan is listed there, these specialists are in-network for their plans.

#### What is the difference between an in-network and out-of-network provider?

There are two types of providers - participating (in-network) and nonparticipating (out-of-network).

A **participating provider** is a medical professional who has completed the credentialing process and signed a contracted agreement to be part of the Florida Blue network of providers for the product the member is enrolled in (e.g., BlueOptions, BlueCare, etc.). The network provider accepts the negotiated rate as payment in full for services rendered.

A **nonparticipating provider** is a medical professional who is authorized to provide care to the member, but has not signed a network agreement with Florida Blue for the product in which the member is enrolled (e.g., BlueOptions, BlueCare, etc.). Out-of-network providers must meet Florida Blue licensing and certification requirements, to provide care to the individuals

The out-of-network provider may balance bill the member for the difference between the charged amount and the Florida Blue negotiated allowed amount, resulting in higher out-of-pocket costs for the member.