

How to find specialists in your medical HMO group

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Navigate to <https://www.bcbsil.com/find-care/providers-in-your-network/find-a-doctor-or-hospital>

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Click "Search for Doctors as a Guest"

Surprise billing laws may prevent you from being charged out-of-network

Basic Guest Search

Even if you're not a member, you can answer a few questions to find the right network to search for doctors.

[Search for Doctors as a Guest](#) 

In addition to staying in network, you or your doctor may need to get benefit approval or "prior authorization" before you get treatment for certain services for them to be covered. Please check your benefit booklet or your plan's terms if you are unsure.

3 Click "Through my, my spouse's, or my parent's employer"

What type of plan would you like to get?
How you get your insurance affects what doctors are in your network and how much you pay. Choose wisely to avoid high out-of-network costs.

Employer Plans
Through my, my spouse's, or my parent's employer
Select

Individual & Family
Through my state directly

Medicare
Purchased directly or through my employer
Select

Medicaid
Through my state directly

4 Click here.

field

Select the state you currently live in

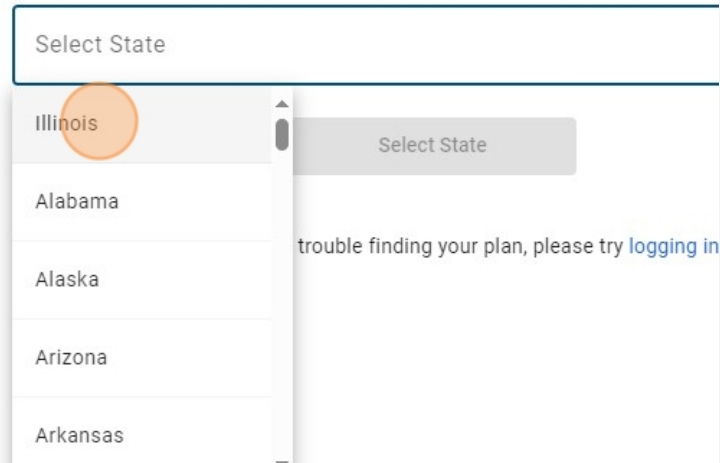
Select State

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If you are having trouble finding your plan, please try [logging in](#).

5 Click "Illinois"

Select the state you currently live in



A screenshot of a web form titled "Select the state you currently live in". It features a dropdown menu with the placeholder text "Select State". The dropdown is open, showing a list of states: Illinois, Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, and Arkansas. The "Illinois" option is highlighted with an orange circle. To the right of the dropdown is a grey button labeled "Select State". Below the button, there is a link that says "trouble finding your plan, please try logging in".

6 Click here.

Select the state you currently live in



A screenshot of a web form titled "Select the state you currently live in". It features a dropdown menu with "Illinois" selected. To the right of the dropdown is a blue button labeled "Select State". Below the button, there is a link that says "If you are having trouble finding your plan, please try logging in".

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7 Click "HMO"

[Back](#)

Do you have HMO or PPO in

Having HMO or PPO insurance affects which doctors are in network. Please select carefully to avoid high out-of-network costs.

HMO

My primary care provider (PCP) must refer me to see specialists.

Select

PPO

My doctor does not need a referral to see a specialist.

If you are having trouble finding your plan, please contact your broker.

8 Click "HMO Illinois® [HMO]"

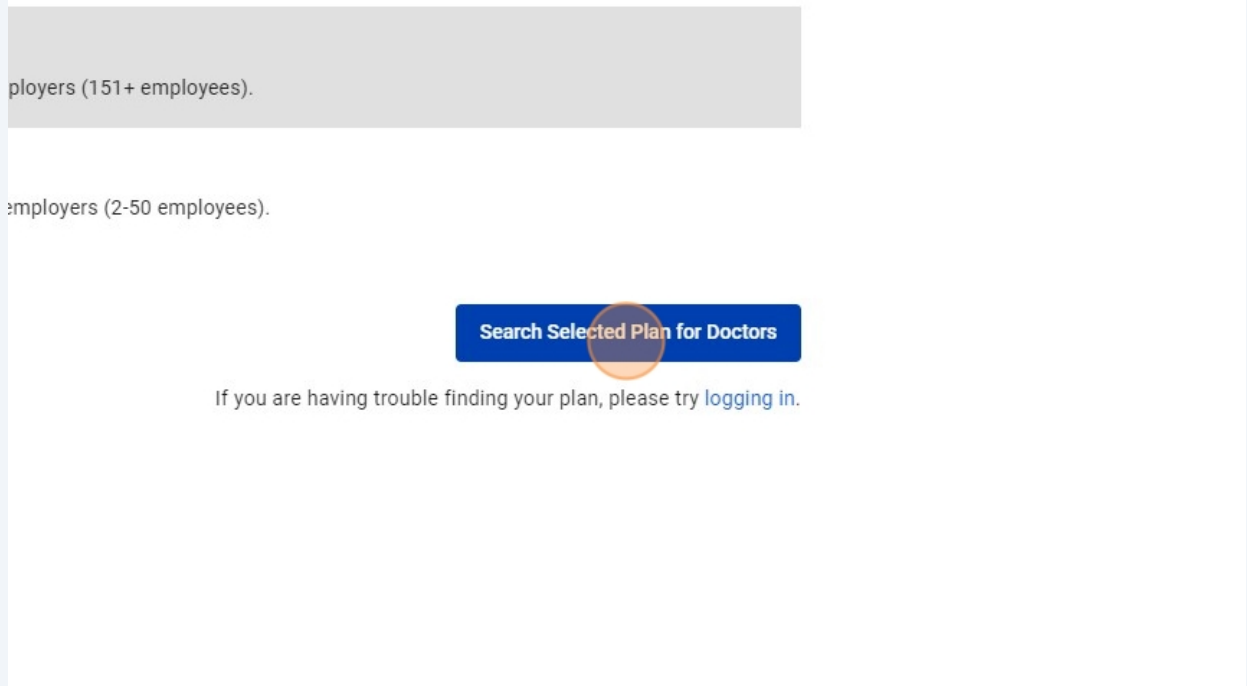
Select your HMO Plan

Doctors do not accept all HMO plans. Please carefully select your plan to avoid high out-of-network costs.

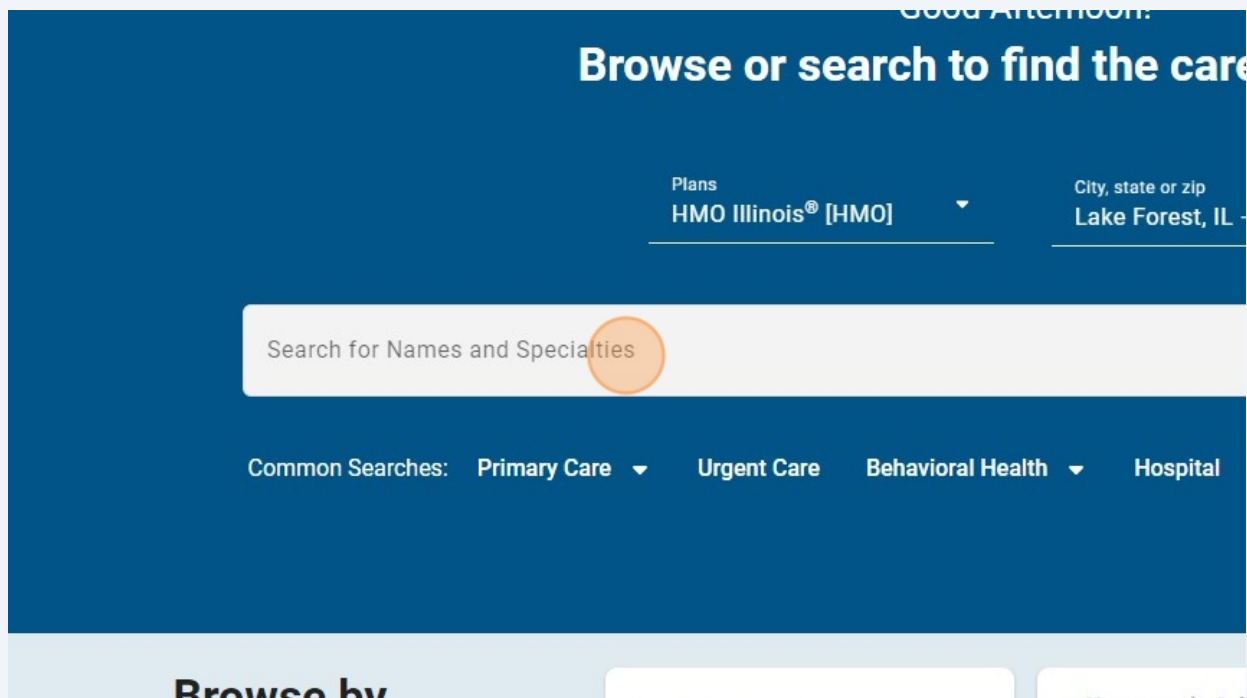
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Blue Advantage HMO Value ChoiceSM
- HMO Illinois[®] [HMO]
This plan is typically offered by large employers (151+ employees).
- Blue Precision HMOSM [BAV]
This plan is typically offered by smaller employers (2-50 employees).

If you are

9 Click "Search Selected Plan for Doctors"

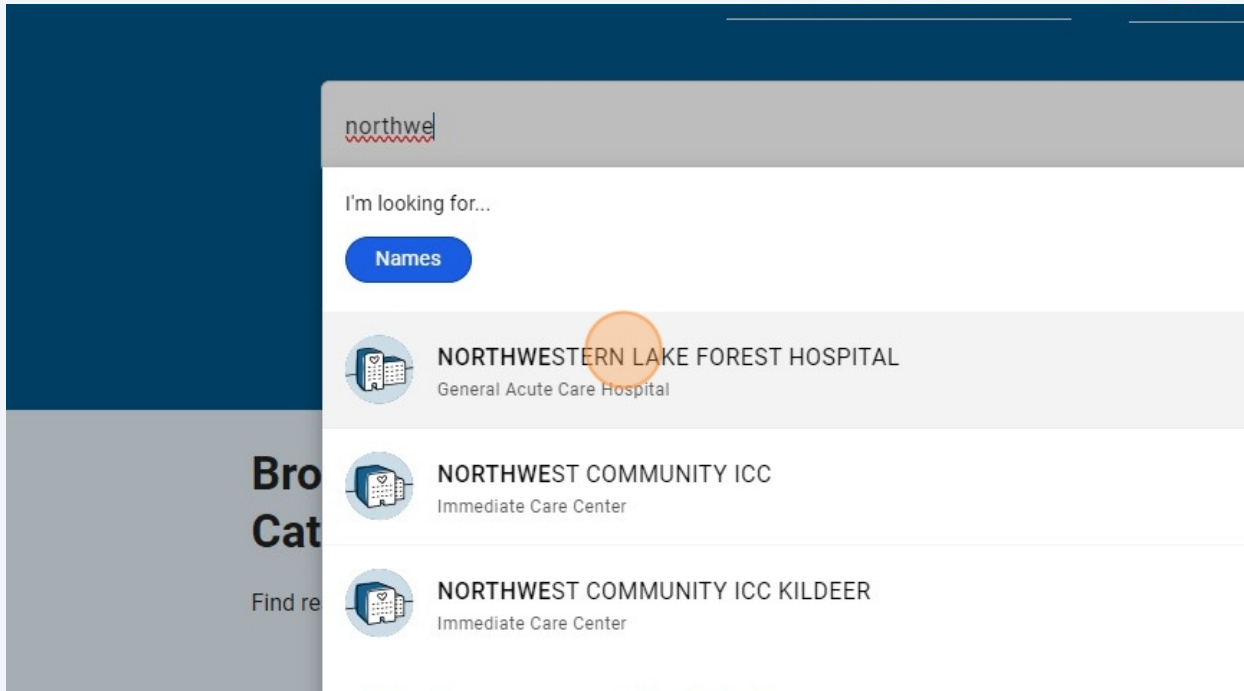


10 Click the "Search for Names and Specialties" field.



11 Type your preferred hospital name

12 Click here.



13 Scroll down halfway and Click "Find a doctor for you"

Hospital Affiliations

No information available

Affiliated Doctors



Find a doctor for you

Locations & Hours

NORTHWESTERN LAKE FOREST HOSPITAL
1000 N Westmoreland Rd, Lake Forest, IL 60045
[Get directions](#) (est. 1.6 miles away)

14 Click here.

Browse by Category



NORTHWESTERN LAKE FOREST HOSPITAL

Viewing doctors affiliated with **NORTHWESTERN**

All Specialties



All Medical Groups



All People & P

VIEW ONLY:



Accepting New Patients



Primary Care P



The results may show Primary Care Physicians (PCP) or other participating providers, including benefits. Please ensure that the provider you are considering is within your selected HMO medical group or your PCP or Medical Group to obtain any needed referrals.

15 Select the specialty

The screenshot shows a web application interface. A dropdown menu is open, displaying a list of medical specialties. The 'Dermatology' option is highlighted with a grey background and a blue circle. The list includes: Cardiovascular Disease, Certified Nurse Midwife, Certified Nurse Practitioner, Colon-Rectal Surgery, Critical Care Medicine, and Dermatology. In the background, there is a search results page with a blue header, a filter for 'Medical Groups' set to 'All People', and a checkbox for 'Accepting New Patients' which is currently unchecked. Below the filter, there is a yellow highlighted section with text: '...ns (PCP) or other participating providers, ... are considering is within your selected HI ... ed referrals.' At the bottom of the page, there are two view options: 'List view' (selected) and 'Map view'. Below the view options, the text 'Providers:' is visible.