

HOW TO USE YOUR COVERAGE

Medical Claims

1. **Choose your provider** – You receive better benefits based on discounted charges when you choose a Preferred Provider from Premera's Heritage Prime network (in Walla Walla, use the Heritage network). Look up providers on the Premera website or call 800-722-1471.
2. **Make the appointment** – When asked, your insurance provider is Premera Blue Cross.
3. **Bring your ID card** to the provider's office/facility. If you have lost your ID card or have not received one, print a temporary ID card from premera.com or the Premera mobile app:

Looking up Preferred Providers:

- Go to www.premera.com
- Click on 'Find Care/Find a Doctor'
- Create (or Sign into) an account and follow the instructions *-or-* Search as a Visitor without logging in.
- Make sure to select the 'Heritage Prime Network' (in Walla Walla, use 'Heritage')
- Out of the area, use 'Bluecard PPO'

Preferred Provider Network: Heritage Prime
Group #: 4002446
Claims Processor/Administrator: Premera Blue Cross
Member ID #: The number that appears on your ID card

4. The provider's office will probably want to **verify your eligibility and benefits**. They can do this by contacting Premera customer service at 1-800-722-1471.

Why use a Preferred Provider?

- Preferred provider fees are discounted
- Benefit level is higher (80% vs. 60%)
- Preferred providers will request all necessary prior authorizations on your behalf
- Preferred providers are obligated to bill insurance on behalf of the covered member

Non-network providers are not obligated to bill insurance first and may require you to pay upfront. If billed directly, ask for a claim form to submit for reimbursement.

Prior Authorization

Some procedures and some inpatient admissions must be authorized with Premera before they will be covered. If you use a Preferred Provider, the provider will handle the prior authorization for you. A partial list of procedures that require prior authorization includes:

- Planned admission into hospitals or skilled nursing facilities
- Non-emergency ground or air ambulance transport
- Advanced imaging such as MRIs and CT scans
- Transplant and donor services
- Some injectable medications you get in a healthcare provider's office
- Prosthetics and orthotics other than foot orthotics or orthopedic shoes

(This is not a complete list. Your doctor has the most current list and medical information needed to request a prior authorization on your behalf.)

Prescription Drug Claims

Fill your prescription at a Premera preferred pharmacy to minimize your out of pocket expenses. Prescriptions are subject to the deductible and then covered by the plan at 80% if you use a Premera preferred pharmacy. You will pay your co-insurance at the time you fill your prescription (after the deductible is met) and the plan will process the balance of the claim. In addition, the plan requires prior-authorization for some prescription drugs. Ask your pharmacist or contact Premera at 1-800-722-1471.

More Resources and Information are available at www.premera.com or use Premera's mobile app.