

Premera ID Card Guide

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PREMERA ID CARDS

What's the difference?

Premera has four types of plans:

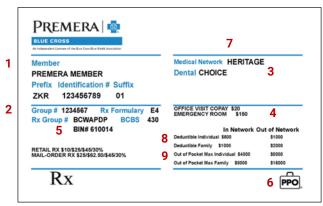
- Individual: Premera Blue Cross Individual exclusive provider organization (EPO) marketplace plans are available in Franklin, Grays Harbor, King, Kitsap, Pacific, Pierce, Spokane, and Yakima counties. LifeWise Health Plan of Washinton, a Premera affiliate, has marketplace plans available throughout Washington state.
- Group/Commercial: These can be PPO, EPO or HMO and are typically employer-based plans.
 - o Examples of EPO plans are Premera Pathfinder and Your Focus.
 - o Examples of PPO are Your Choice and Your Future.
 - o The Premera Blue Cross HMO plans are called HMO Core Plus.
 - o Group employer-based plans are sold by LifeWise for Clark County-based groups.
- BlueCard: A patient may be a customer of a Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield plan based in another state. The BlueCard program allows customers to get services while living in another Blue plan's service area.

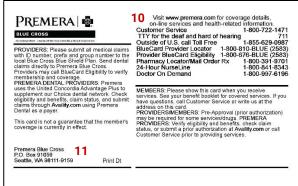
ID cards vary by plan

Most Premera ID cards are similar, with just a few key differences. When patients call, we recommend that you ask them for their **health plan** and **network name**. Remember that the ID card is not a guarantee of coverage or eligibility. To check eligibility and benefits, use the Availity online <u>Eligibility and Benefits</u> Tool or contact customer service.

Many plans change during the year. We recommend you ask for a patient's ID card if they haven't been seen recently to ensure they still have the same coverage.

For more details, view the <u>ID card section</u> of the Premera Medical Reference Manual. For detailed BlueCard program information, view the <u>BlueCard Program Provider Manual</u> available on our <u>BlueCard Resources</u> page.





ID card features

1. Customer information

Policyholder's name and member ID number. Be sure to include the prefix and the identification number when submitting claims or checking eligibility. You don't need to include the suffix.

2. Group number

Group ID numbers identify the line of business for the customer's plan.

3. Medical network

This identifies which network your patient is in. See the plans and networks section of this guide for specific network details and limitations. If the customer has dental coverage, that will be listed as well.

4. Copay, emergency room, Rx

This details what a customer pays at the time of service.

5. Rx group # and BIN#

These numbers relate to pharmacy claims.

6. Suitcase symbol for nationwide coverage

The suitcase image, with or without PPO noted, indicates that the customer's plan includes BlueCard benefits. This symbol is important when providing healthcare services to out-of-area patients. You can check BlueCard patient eligibility and benefits by using the BlueCard Resources web page or by calling 1-800-676-BLUE. Note: Certain plans, such as our EPO, don't cover out-of-area services, even though the suitcase logo is on the card.

7. Group or plan name

Federal Employee Program (FEP) is noted on the top right section of a customer's card. For Premera national accounts, the account name may appear on the card.

8. Plan deductible

Any applicable plan deductible.

9. Out-of-pocket maximum

Any applicable out-of-pocket maximum limitation under the plan.

10. Contact information and web tools

For customers and providers. If a customer has a limited network (such as an EPO), emergency care benefits are noted here.

11. Billing information

Billing instructions and address. Some Plans may have a different claims mailing address, noted on the back of card.

PLANS AND NETWORKS

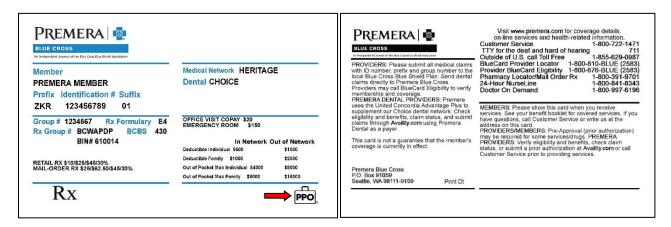
PPO, EPO, HMO, and high-deductible plans and networks

Our PPO and high-deductible plans have a standard in-network and out-of-network structure. Copays or co-insurance amounts are listed on the member ID card.

EPO and HMO plans are limited networks and typically don't cover non-emergency care out of the state. Emergency care is covered out of state and out of network. This restriction is noted on the back of the ID card.

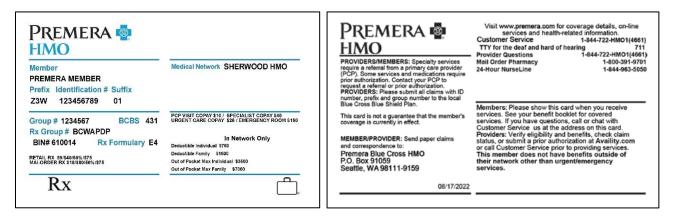
Group/commercial ID card samples

Premera Blue Cross



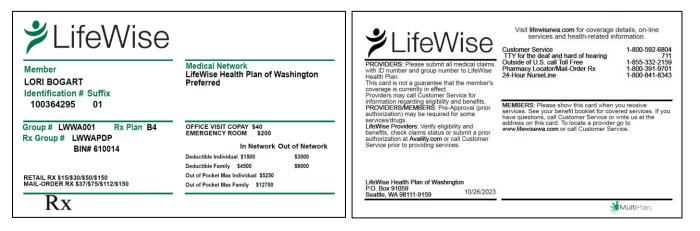
The suitcase image, with PPO noted, indicates that the customer's plan includes BlueCard benefits. BlueCard providers outside of the service area of Alaska and Washington are considered in-network for this plan and members pay in-network cost shares for non-emergent services. Emergency services are always paid at the in-network cost share.

Premera Blue Cross HMO



HMO plans are limited networks and typically don't cover non-emergency care out of the state. Emergency care is covered out of state and out of network. This restriction is noted on the back of the ID cards.

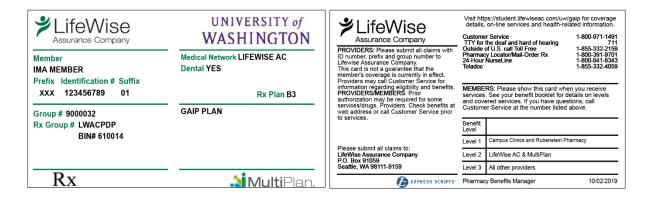
LifeWise Health Plan of Washington



LifeWise group plans include MultiPlan providers outside of Alaska and Washington. MultiPlan providers are considered in-network for this plan and members pay in-network cost shares for non-emergent services. Emergency services are always paid at the in-network cost share.

LifeWise Assurance Company Student Health Insurance and Graduate Appointee Insurance Program plans

International Student Health Insurance Plan (ISHIP) and Graduate Appointee Insurance Program (GAIP) plans are offered through the LifeWise Assurance Company and use the Multiplan network. LifeWise Assurance Company ID cards list the network, plan type, and dental coverage.



Individual plans and networks

Premera Blue Cross

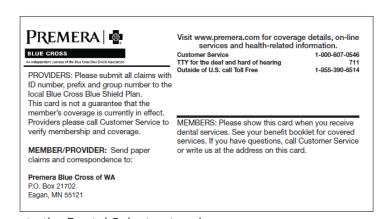
Premera Individual EPO plans are available in eight counties. Individual Signature is the network name for these plans, though the providers are the same as the Heritage Signature network.

All members with an individual plan have INDIVIDUAL PLAN clearly marked on the front of their card. Please verify you're in the Individual Signature network before seeing individual plan members.

BlueCard providers outside of the service area of Alaska and Washington are considered out of network for non-emergent services, and members have out-of-network cost shares. Most plans only have coverage for emergency services outside Alaska and Washington. Emergency services are always paid at the in-network cost share.

Premera Cascade Care plans use the same Individual Signature network and are available through the Washington Health Benefit Exchange (WAHBE) to residents in the same counties as the Individual Signature network.

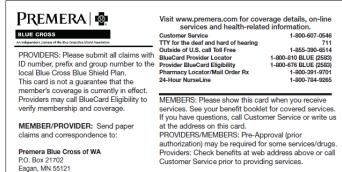




Pediatric individual health plan members have access to the Dental Select network.

There are a number of members with grandfathered individual health plans. Members with these plans have access to the Premera Heritage network. BlueCard providers outside of the service area of Alaska and Washington are considered in-network for this plan and members will pay in-network cost shares for non-emergent services. Emergency services are always paid at the in-network cost share.

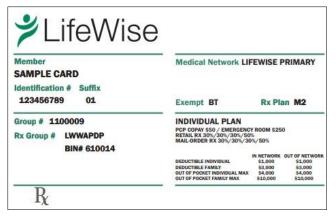




LifeWise Health Plan of Washington

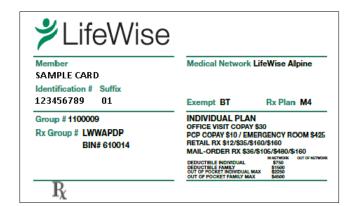
Individual EPO plans from LifeWise Health Plan of Washington, a Premera affiliate, are available in 33 counties. LifeWise Primary is the main network name for these plans.

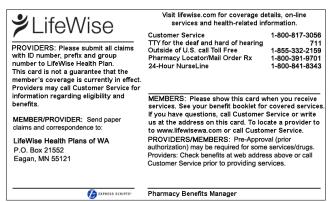
Members with a 2025 LifeWise individual plan have INDIVIDUAL PLAN marked clearly on the front of their ID cards. LifeWise members are required to have an assigned primary care provider (PCP). If a member doesn't have a PCP on record or they're a new member, LifeWise will assign a PCP. Verify you're in the LifeWise Primary network before seeing individual plan members.



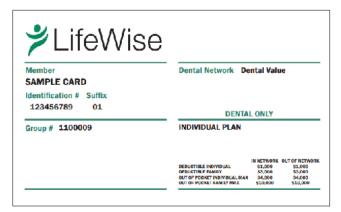


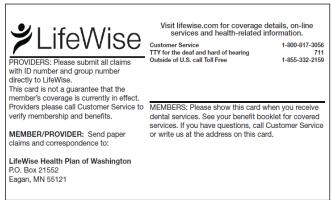
LifeWise also offers Cascade Care and Cascade Select plans. These are qualified health plans designed by WAHBE, and they typically have lower deductibles and more benefits with copays. LifeWise Cascade Care plans use the LifeWise Primary network, while Cascade Select plans use the LifeWise Alpine network. Cascade Care plans are available to residents in 16 counties, while Cascade Select plans are available in 21 counties. Please verify you're in the LifeWise Alpine network before seeing Cascade Select plan members.





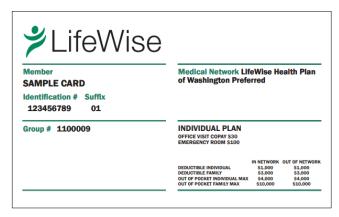
Individual plan members have access to the Dental Value network.





There are some members with grandfathered individual health plans. Members with these plans have access to the LifeWise Health Plan of Washington Preferred network. MultiPlan providers outside of the

service area of Alaska and Washington are considered in-network for this plan and members pay innetwork cost shares for non-emergent services. Emergency services are always paid at the in-network cost share.





Medicare Supplement plans

Medicare Supplement plans are offered in all Washington counties, except Clark. ID cards for all members on our Supplement plans have MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT clearly marked on the front of the card. Premera has A, *C, *F, *High Deductible F, G, High Deductible G, and N plans. *Closed to new sales





Washington networks

Medical

- Global
- Heritage
- Heritage and Dental Choice
- LifeWise Health Plan of Washington Preferred
- LifeWise Assurance Co.

Medical

- Heritage Prime
- Heritage Signature
- Individual Signature
- LifeWise Primary
- LifeWise Alpine
- Heritage Signature and Dental Choice
- Sherwood HMO
- Sherwood HMO and Dental Choice

Dental

- Dental Choice
- Dental Select
- Dental Value
- Heritage and Dental Choice
- Heritage Signature and Dental Choice
- LifeWise Assurance Co.

All contracted participating medical providers are included in the following plan networks. These plan networks can't be separated (see above).

- Global
- Heritage
- Heritage and Dental Choice
- LifeWise Health Plan of Washington Preferred
- LifeWise Assurance Co.

In addition, providers can participate in the following medical plan networks. If a provider has admitting privileges to a hospital in that plan network (if hospital privileges are required for the provider), they can participate in that plan network.

- Heritage Prime
- Heritage Signature
- Individual Signature
- LifeWise Primary
- LifeWise Alpine
- Heritage Signature and Dental Choice
- Sherwood HMO
- Sherwood HMO and Dental Choice

As a standard process, if a provider participates in the Heritage Signature plan network, the provider must also participate in Heritage Signature and Dental Choice, Individual Signature, and LifeWise Primary plan networks. *Note: Exceptions to deviate in the participation in any of these three plan networks must be approved as a custom contract.*

All contracted participating dental providers are included in the following plan networks:

- Dental Choice
- Sherwood HMO and Dental Choice
- Heritage and Dental Choice
- Heritage Signature and Dental Choice
- LifeWise Assurance Co.

In addition, providers can participate in the following dental plan networks:

- Dental Select
- Dental Value

The Heritage and Dental Choice, Sherwood HMO and Dental Choice, and Heritage Signature and Dental Choice, are all plan networks for small group products with embedded pediatric dental benefits. The LifeWise Assurance Co. network supports medical and embedded family dental benefits for LifeWise Assurance Co. plans. Note: There are no exceptions to deviate in the participation of Dental Choice, Heritage and Dental Choice, and LifeWise Assurance Co. networks.

2025 plans names and networks

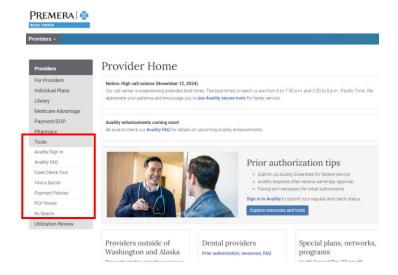
Individual Plans		
Plan Names	Network Names	
Premera Preferred (EPO)	Individual Signature	
Gold, Silver, Bronze	Available in Franklin, Grays Harbor, King, Kitsap, Pacific, Pierce, Spokane, Yakima	
Premera Preferred HSA (EPO)	Individual Signature	
Gold, Silver, Bronze	Available in Franklin, Grays Harbor, King, Kitsap, Pacific, Pierce, Spokane, Yakima	
Premera Cascade Care (EPO)	Individual Signature	
Gold, Silver, Bronze	Available in Franklin, Grays Harbor, King, Kitsap, Pacific, , Pierce, Spokane, Yakima	
Premera Blue Cross Group Conversion (PPO)	Heritage (BlueCard included)	
(Grandfathered plans)		
LifeWise Cascade Care Select (EPO)	LifeWise Alpine	
Gold, Silver, Bronze	Available in Adams, Benton, Chelan, Clark, Cowlitz, Douglas, Ferry, Grays Harbor, Island, Klickitat, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Spokane, Thurston, Wahkiakum, Whatcom, Yakima	
LifeWise Cascade Care (EPO)	LifeWise Primary	
Gold, Silver, Bronze	Available in Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, Grant, King, Kittitas, Lewis, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pierce, Snohomish, Spokane, Stevens, Thurston, Walla Walla, Whitman	

LifeWise Essential (EPO)	LifeWise Primary	
Gold, Silver, Bronze	Available in Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Clark, Columbia, Cowlitz, Douglas, Ferry, Garfield, Grant, Island, King, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Spokane, Stevens, Thurston, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, Whatcom, Whitman	
LifeWise Health Plan of Washington	LifeWise Health Plan of Washington Preferred	
WiseChoices, WiseEssentials, WiseSavings (Grandfathered plans)	Available in Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Clallam, Clark, Columbia, Cowlitz, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Lincoln, Mason, Okanogan, Pacific, Pend Oreille, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Spokane, Stevens, Thurston, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, Whatcom, Whitman, or Yakima	
International Student Insurance Plan (ISHIP)	LifeWise Assurance Co. (Multiplan included)	
LifeWise Individual Pediatric Dental	Dental Value	
LifeWise Individual Family Dental	Dental Value	
Small Group Plans (BlueCard Included)		
Plan Names	Network Names	
Balance Plans	Heritage Signature and Dental Choice (BlueCard included)	
Choice Plans	Heritage and Dental Choice (BlueCard included)	
HMO Core Plus (HMO)	Sherwood HMO and Dental Choice (BlueCard included, doesn't cover non-emergency care outside Washington)	
	Available in King, Pierce, Spokane, and Thurston	
Large Employer Group Plans (BlueCard Included)	<u>'</u>	
Plan Names	Network Names	
Your Choice (PPO)	Heritage, Heritage Prime (BlueCard included)	
Your Future (HSA)	Heritage, Heritage Prime (BlueCard included)	
Your Focus (EPO)	Heritage, Heritage Prime (BlueCard included)	
Preferred Choice (PPO)	Heritage, Heritage Prime (BlueCard included)	
Preferred Choice (HSA)	Heritage, Heritage Prime (BlueCard included)	
Essentials Medical Plan (EPO)	Heritage Prime (BlueCard included)	
Premera Pathfinder (EPO)	Heritage Prime (BlueCard included)	
Your World (PPO)	Global (BlueCard included)	
(Self-funded groups only)		
Blue HPN (EPO)	Heritage Prime (HPN BlueCard included)	
Blue HPN Preferred Choice (EPO)	Heritage Prime (HPN BlueCard included)	

HMO Core Plus (HMO)	Sherwood HMO (BlueCard included, doesn't cover non- emergency care outside Washington)
	Available in King, Pierce, Spokane, and Thurston
Preferred Choice Dental Optima	Dental Choice
Preferred Choice Dental Optima Flex	Dental Choice
Preferred Choice Dental Optima Voluntary	Dental Choice
Preferred Choice Essentials Dental	Dental Choice
Dental Preference Flex Plus	Dental Choice
Willamette Dental	Willamette Dental Group
Graduate Appointee Insurance Program (GAIP) (PPO)	LifeWise Assurance Co. (Multiplan included)
WiseFoundaton (PPO) WiseElement (PPO & HSA)	LifeWise Health Plan of Washington Preferred (Multiplan included)
Medicare Supplement Plans	
Premera Medicare Supplement A, *C, *F, *High Deductible F, G, High Deductible G, N * Closed to new sales	Medicare Supplement plans pay after Medicare and do not use a Premera network. Available in all Washington counties, except Clark
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HELPFUL ONLINE TOOLS

Visit our provider website at provider/ for Availity tools and information.



Availity: Secure provider portal

We have a single-source solution for all our providers through Availity, it is a nationwide, multi-payer secure portal that helps providers and health plans share information efficiently.

Providers have access to the following through Availity:

Availity tool	Description

Eligibility and benefits	Member search feature allows you to search using only a member's plan ID number. Results will include all members associated with that member ID. If you don't have a member's ID, you can search by the member's first name, last name, and DOB.
	View tooth history information from the Services History button of the eligibility and benefits results when you select Premera Dental as a payer.
Claim submission	Claim submission for medical, dental, and facility is available through Availity for free. Express Entry makes adding provider information fast and error-free. Note: You don't need to use Availity as a clearinghouse to use this feature.
Claim status	View the status for a medical, dental, and/or facility claim. Color-coded tabs show you the status of a patient's claim. You can search by member, claim number, or all claims within a specific date range.
	You can add an attachment to a claim requiring additional information to process or make a correction to a claim.
Remittance viewer	Premera and FEP EOPs are available from the Check/EFT tab. Select the EOP/EOB icon under the Actions menu to download a PDF. Note: Use "Premera Federal Employee Program (FEP) & Postal" as a payer to view FEP and Postal check information.

Providers still need to use Premera's secure provider portal for some transactions not yet available on Availity, such PCP roster and electronic funds transfer "EFT" dashboard.

Links to access those tools, as well as all resources on Premera's existing secure and public provider websites, are available on Availity's payer space landing pages for a seamless online experience.

Availity sign in: Premera uses <u>Availity</u> as its primary secure provider website for checking eligibility and benefits, submitting prior authorizations and claims, getting claims status, add claim attachments, correct a claim, and more.

Premera - Individual plans sign in: If your patient's ID card says, "Individual Plan," sign in to <u>Premera's Individual Plan website using your OneHealthPort sign in.</u>

Find a Doctor: Verify your address and specialty information and find providers you can refer to within a patient's network by visiting our Find a Doctor tool.

Eligibility and benefits: Sign in to Availity to verify a patient's network and eligibility information using our <u>eligibility and benefits tool</u>.

Prior authorization: Sign in to Availity to determine what services require authorization or need review (based on the patient's plan).

Plan prefixes: Determine which plans are within Premera's network or are outside of Washington. This is helpful when determining benefits and eligibility for a customer. You'll find this list on the <u>reference</u> <u>information page</u> of our website.

Find online tool user guides, web-based training modules, and more in our online <u>Learning Center</u>. Get the latest news and policy updates by signing up for monthly updates in our <u>Provider News newsletter</u>.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Premera Provider Website: premera.com/wa/provider/

Customer service: 877-342-5258, option 2

- Customer benefits and eligibility verification
- Claims payment, payment vouchers, or remittance assistance
- Provide network status confirmation
- Individual Premera plans, 800-607-0546
- Individual LifeWise plans, 800-817-3056

BlueCard: 800-676-BLUE to verify benefits or eligibility for BlueCard customers. Call 888-261-9562 for BlueCard claims customer service.

Physician and provider relations: 877-342-5258, option 4

- Changing your billing, practice or remittance address
- Adding a practice location
- Updating your tax identification number
- Adding/removing a provider at your office
- Fulfilling application and contract requests
- Verifying contract status
- Requesting copies of past communications

Pharmacy services: 888-261-1756

- General information on the Preferred Drug List (PDL)
- Exceptions for point-of-sale edits
- Level status confirmation for a specific medication

Care management: 877-342-5258

- Individual Premera plans, call 844-996-0329
- Individual LifeWise, call 844-996-0333

Technical issues related to:

- Individual Premera plans, call 800-607-0546
- Individual LifeWise plans, call 800-817-3056